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SAU37

nixes merger

By ALISON ALOISIO

SAD44 said "yes" to school consolidation Tuesday, but potential partner SAU37 voted a resounding "no."

The referendum result does not mean SAD44 is off the hook regarding consolidation, at least by current law.

The state requires the district to continue to pursue merger options.

That could possibly include returning to the table with SAU37.

But, SAD44 Supt. Dave Murphy said Wednesday, "I intend to recommend that we take a brief respite from this to focus on FY'10 budget issues, while the Legislature figures out what, if anything, they plan to do on this issue over the next few months."

"At this point, it appears that the vast majority of plans considered last night went down to defeat."

"In fact, when the tallies are in, it may be that more plans have now been defeated in the state than passed. I would hope that sends a serious message to Augusta about the idea of school consolidation, especially in the rural areas of the state."

Numbers

In Tuesday's referendum, all five SAD44 towns approved the merger plan. The total tally was 297-215.

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Youngest RugRats bundled for bunny slope



First-graders from the Crescent Park Elementary School enjoyed a ski day last Thursday at Sunday River. Pictured are, from left: Kaylee Bosse, Jack Mallory, Katherine Haley, Lucas Malley and Mia Hofmann. Over the past week, kindergartners through second-graders from SAD44 have made the trek to the mountain for a day on the slopes with lessons, rentals and lunch, compliments of the Sunday River Ski and Snowboard Club, which paid for the outings. The ski days are in anticipation of an expansion next winter of the RugRats Ski Program. The long-

running program has provided skiing for elementary pupils from third grade up, with instruction split between Gould Academy students and Sunday River Perfect Turn instructors. The club decided this past fall to support getting youngsters on skis at an earlier age, said Mark Godomsky, director of the Gould Competition Program. The club also provides grants and scholarships for local kids to participate in the weekend ski competition program at the mountain.

(Photo: A. Aloisio)

Greenwood couple are up close at historic Obama inauguration

By PAT STEWART

My husband, Henry, and I were inspired by the Obama campaign chant, "Yes, we can! Yes, we can!" But there were moments during our days in Washington to attend his Inauguration when we wondered if we could.

First, we wondered if our accommodations, booked last March, would actually be honored in January (they were). Then we wondered if we would get tickets. We scoured the Internet and contacted Mike Michaud's office. Members of Congress each are

charged with distributing a few hundred tickets to citizens in their districts. Just before Christmas we learned that we could have tickets to the Swearing-In, but would have to pick them up at Mike's D.C. office the day before the big event. We were also invited to a reception that afternoon. Great! Now, could we get parade tickets?

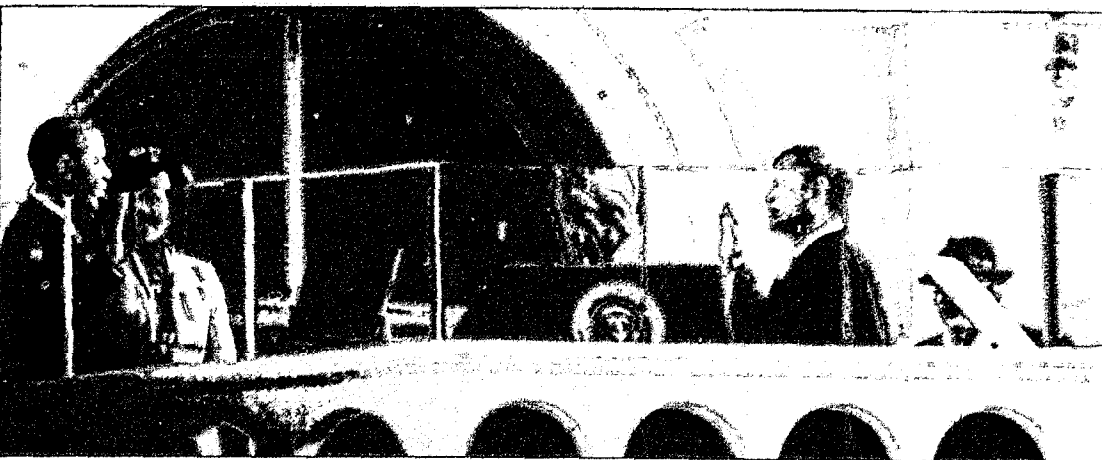
Given the crowd estimates, we knew that we would never be able to get from the Swearing-In in time to wait along the parade route. We needed bleacher tickets. Five

thousand tickets went on sale at 1 p.m. on Jan. 7. They were gone in less than a minute. So no parade.

Now for the Eastern Ball. We could buy tickets from scalpers on line, starting at \$1,000 or more. Forget that!

Shortly before our departure, Mike's office called and said they had four tickets to the ball, would we like two? Yes, we would! Things were falling into place nicely so we made arrangements to visit old friends in the area and

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AS THE NEW FIRST LADY HOLDS THE LINCOLN BIBLE, Chief Justice John Roberts mis-administers the Oath of Office to President Obama. (Photo: P. Stewart)

Speaker warns of warming's impact on Maine's fauna

By ALISON ALOISIO

The effects of global warming could put some of Maine's most recognizable wildlife at risk, a local biologist said at a public presentation last week.

Ken Hotopp of Bethel, a conservation biologist, addressed the topic of "Our Wildlife in a Changing Climate" as part of the Mahoosuc Land Trust's Local Knowledge series.

One high-profile animal that could be affect-

ed, said Hotopp, is the moose.

The animals might, for example, suffer from a climate-driven population increase among nature's much smaller creatures.

"Parasites are a very, very big deal for moose," said Hotopp.

Examples of parasites that affect the large animals are liver flukes, brainworms and

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Hillside zoning rules are proposed for Newry

By ALISON ALOISIO

New subdivision regulations proposed in Newry Monday would restrict ridgeline and hillside development.

Sunday River Ski Resort officials, however, objected strongly to the hillside standards, as drafted.

The regulations are part of a collection of proposed amendments to the town's Unified Development Review Ordinance, which primarily regulates subdivisions and commercial development.

About 20 people attended a public hearing Monday, to discuss the amendments, as well as drafts of changes to the building code and Cemetery Ordinance.

The changes were prepared by a citizen committee.

Hillside plan "vague"

A growth management district map accompanying the ordinance proposal delineates hillside and ridgeline districts.

Hillside lots, as defined in the UDRO plan, have an average slope of 20 percent or greater.

Hillside areas shown on the map appear to encompass roughly one-third of the town.

The proposed ordinance stipulates that within the hillside and ridgeline districts "all development shall be sited and designed in a manner

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Selectmen opt not to renew Cole's contract

By MICHAEL DANIELS

The oft-tumultuous Scott Cole decade in Bethel town government is drawing to a close.

The town's five selectmen voted Monday evening not to renew the town manager's contract, which expires at the end of June.

At that point Cole, who was hired in May of 1999, will have served ten years here — years punctuated by clashes, in some cases long-running, with other elements of local administration, most notably the Bethel Airport Authority, Water District and Police Department.

Cole said Tuesday he was grateful to the selectmen for making their decision when they did, and not waiting until March 1, when his contract requires that he be informed if he will be rehired.

"It gives us all more time — five months," he said.

There are in fact 75 items on the town manager's task list for the next six months.

They range from preparing FY '10 wage and benefit plans, general fund capital plan and

budget, to overhauling the town's electronic record-keeping and information management systems, establishing a local health officer position (per a new state mandate),

and mounting a final on the town common gazebo.

"There is a lot to get done in the next five months," Cole said Tuesday, "and I intend to accomplish it."

Unanimous, twice Monday evening's vote on Cole's contract was actually the second this month.

At the early er meeting, Jan. 12, the selectmen also voted unanimously not to renew the arrangement, but at that point they appeared to be room for further maneuver and negotiation, according to a source close to the situation.

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Letters

SNOW/ICE SCULPTURE THANKS

To the Editor:

The Bethel WinterFest 2009 Snow and Ice Sculpture event set-up, public viewing, and clean-up was nearly a month in duration. The Bethel Area Chamber created a partnership with the Maine Snow and Ice Sculpture Foundation, based out of Falmouth, in this first-year effort. Ed Jarrett, its executive director, has overseen events such as this in the Freeport, Falmouth, Portland, and Sebago Lake regions, but this was his first attempt to hold such an event in a smaller and more rural Maine town. There were many challenges, the most severe being the wind and, more recently, the bitter cold, but the chamber and its core of volunteers, as well as several strategic partners, was able to meet these challenges and produce an event that we should be proud of. We do plan on having an after-event debrief to discuss how we can make needed changes and improvements for future years, and we would be happy to include any constructive input and ideas from community members. Please contact the chamber office with your ideas for the future.

Given the fact that the planning and set-up were during the pre-holiday and holiday weeks when everyone is busy, we are especially grateful to those individuals who helped Ed with the site preparation, tent set-up, and getting ready for the carving teams to arrive on Jan. 1. A huge thank you to Bob Westfall who was at the event almost every day and helped Ed through the mayhem of the wind. Others whose help was critically important during the set-up were: Jim Schiebe, Joan Westfall, Al Sumner, Lainey Cross, Barry Hallett, Sue Milton, Jim Bennett, and Mark Hindman, as well as Oxford Networks. Bruce and Shirley Powell of Stony Brook Recreation lent the use of their RV to use as a "warming hut" for the volunteers and the carvers and was a tremendous asset to the project.

Our business community did a terrific job offering complimentary accommodations and food to Ed, the carving teams, and the hard-working volunteers. Many thanks to: The Bethel Inn Resort, Bethel Hill B & B, The Victoria Inn & Restaurant, River View Resort, Chapman Inn, Sunday River Inn, Rivendell House B & B, Bethel's Best Pizza Grille and Dairy Bar, The Good Food Store, Rooster's Roadhouse, S.S. Milton, Funky Red Barn, 22 Broad Street at Gideon Hastings House, Pat's Pizza, Hungry Harry's Ice Cream & Burger Bar, and Mallard Mart. Our tent sponsor for the event was Sunday River Ski Resort and one of the sculptures was sponsored by Merrill Hill Estates.

The publicity for this event helped to bring folks out. Thanks to The Bethel Citizen, Sunday River Ski Resort, RSN, Sun Journal, Turner Publishing, and I hope you all had a chance to see the special feature on The Green Outdoors on Channel 6.

The event was open to the public for ten days, which required dozens of volunteers to come out, even in the frigid cold. Thanks to the following individuals: Bob and Joan Westfall, Barb Dion, Rosemary Laban, Robin Gilbert, Lynn Wilson, Scott and Cheryl Mills, Carol Savage, Lynn Saxton, John Hoyt, Kim Hongoltz-Hetling and Matt Hetling, Harry Harding, Joyce Roma, Jen Bean, Wendy Palonski, Steve Etheridge, Angie and Kate Carroll, Tonya Davies, Maryann Griffith, Donna Morse, Darcy Liberty, Heather Carver, Sue Milton, Darlene Ginsberg, John Holliday, Carole Duplessis, Bruce and Shirley Powell, Jim Reuter, Colleen and Greg Files, Ted and Linda Davis, Wyling Cambrium, Lloyd Sweetser, Pearl and Kyle Ivey, Marcia and Laurence Foster-Austin, Jim Mann, Kathleen Ford, Nancy Babcock, Bill Tout, Eric and Ciara Giroux, David Lynch, Susan Isham, Karl Gifford, Margaret Mills, Kate Kelly, Tracyn Thayer, Norm Greenberg, Jonathan and Kate Goldberg, Dillon and Paula Gillies, Roger Beaudoin, Sonya Durney, Michele Perejda, Cheryl Morgan, Kyle Gauvin, Khalid Sahin, and Drew Webster. A huge thanks to our photographer, Doron Haendel.

And finally, many thanks to the town of Bethel for allowing the event to be held on the common and for their logistical help. An event of this magnitude, as with previous chamber events such as the building of the Snowman and the SnowWoman, requires the cooperation and support of everyone. It is our hope that you all had the opportunity to see and experience these fabulous snow and ice wonders. When I spoke to the three Team Yukon carvers, they said, "You have a beautiful town and everyone has made us feel so welcome!" That is the essence of what we, in the Bethel area, are all about. We are in the business of making positive memories for people so that when they depart and go to their respective homes, they will tell all their friends what a fabulous experience they had.

The Bethel Area Chamber is grateful to all who helped in any way to make the Bethel WinterFest 2009 a success.

Robin Zinchuk

Executive Director, Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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MISS THE OLD DISTRICT

To the Editor:

I would like to thank The Citizen for the picture and article on The Evans Notch Ranger District.

It is sad to see it closed. I understand that my statement of 30,000 acres in Maine is low. I have been told that there are 50,000 acres of the White Mountain National Forest in Maine. All the more reason that there should be at least a visitors' center in Maine.

As for it being a dangerous driveway, we had a fleet of at least five to six trucks going in and out of the district all hours of the days and sometimes seven days of the week. There were also a lot of campers going in and out. In my 18 years on the district I know of no accidents. I admit there was no Rite-Aid at that time. If people obey the laws there is no need for any accidents.

The ones who worked there miss the old district.

Edwin Howe
Bryant Pond

DONOR NAME OMITTED

To the Editor:

As most of you know, the Rotary Club of Bethel instituted a new fundraiser this year to both help us defray the costs of maintaining holiday lights on the big tree on the Bethel Common, and also provide a venue for those wishing to honor or memorialize a loved one or friend. A large ad was placed in an issue of the Bethel Citizen before Christmas.

One name was inadvertently left off that list and we would like to acknowledge the memory of Jonathan Tyler, by donor Mary Tyler.

We apologize for this omission and appreciate the support of all who contributed to this project in 2008.

Michael Steven
President, Rotary Club of Bethel

Inauguration

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accommodations at the Cosmos Club as guests of a guest. Our oldest daughter belongs to a sister club in New York. Monday morning we stopped at Metro Center to buy Metro passes. Then we found Mike's office building, the Longworth. The huge edifice had four main entrances, one on each side. Multi-block lines had formed at each entrance. It was cold. We waited two hours to gain entrance and get through security. Not far behind us in line we spotted Roy and Nancy Gedat, fellow Oxford County Democrats from Norway. We were stunned to find that our tickets were for seats (seats!) in the Yellow Section. Yes, we can!

The Reception was from 4 to 5 p.m., preceded by another line to get into the Cannon building. My eager-beaver husband wanted to start standing again right after lunch. Not me. It was cold. I headed over to the nearby Museum of the American Indian and had a delightful peek at the daylong Multicultural Festival. We joined forces and again waited more than an hour to gain access to the Cannon building and the Veteran's Affairs Hearing Room where we enjoyed our Fresca and finger food. We had our photos taken with the Gedats and Mike and headed back to meet friends for dinner. Bill Murray was at the next table.

We got up at 5 a.m. on Inauguration Day and trudged out into the dark toward the Dupont Circle Metro station with other hardy souls. The crowds were not as bad as we had feared and we arrived at the line for Yellow Gate by 6:30. The Gates did not open till 8. We stood in a long line. Throughout all this waiting in the cold, our fellow citizens were friendly, patient, polite

and often entertaining. We met people from all over the country. I would guess that 60 percent or more were African-American. Every soul was filled with excited anticipation.

Finally the gates opened. We were pleased to find perhaps 25 to 30 security checkpoints. The officers were efficient and polite and we got through swiftly, advised to hold out our tickets for many more checks along the way. Military personnel touched the tickets to assure that they had the mandatory embossed seal and were not counterfeit.

Our seats were on the lawn in front of the Capitol steps. We were maybe 30 to 35 rows back, almost dead center. "Yes, we can!" The seats filled in around us and when we looked back we saw that over a million people were behind us, packing every space to the reflecting pool and what seemed like miles back to infinity. People perched in trees and on statues. We waited. Did I mention that it was cold? Almost everyone was bundled up in multiple layers, hats, scarves, warm socks and boots, hand warmers, ski masks. Some wrapped in blankets and quilts.

Around 9:45 the San Francisco Boys and Girls choir began to sing (beautifully). Then the Marine Band took over with the Washington Post March. The celebrities, Oprah, Beyonce, Jay Z, and the like filed in followed by members of Congress, heads of the Diplomatic Corps and the Supreme Court. We heard sirens and looked around to see the flashing lights signaling the approach of the new president. Trumpets heralded the arrival of former Vice Presidents and Presidents, followed by the

new First Family. A palpable charge of good will and joy swept among us. Many wept.

Diane Feinstein welcomed us. We heard a stirring preacher, who led us in The Lord's Prayer. We watched Yo-yo Ma, Gabriela Montoya, Itzak Perlman and Anthony McGill play and Aretha Franklin sing. Barack Obama and his wife Michelle stood before Chief Justice Roberts for the oath. A long, heartfelt roar rose from over a million throats. More tears. The Address was straightforward and resolute, containing few rhetorical flourishes, but many statements of firm intention. More cheers and applause, muffled by our gloves, rose from the crowd. After the ceremony we waved as the Presidential helicopter circled thirty feet above us on the way to the White House.

We did not make the Ball. We tried four Metro stations. Each had three-plus hour waits just to get into the station. Finally, because the parade cut the city in half, we walked around the back of the Capital buildings and headed in the general direction of our hotel, several miles away.

We finally got to our room after 5, very cold and very tired. We dressed up in our finery, but gave our ball tickets to some young people we met at dinner. We later learned that they stood in line till after midnight and were finally turned away by Secret Service when the Obamas arrived at quarter after. We were snug in our beds, dreaming of a bright future for a better, stronger and more resourceful America.

As one of our neighbors said after the ceremony, "We did it! Now we have to get to work. Now we have to help him make it happen!" Yes, we can.

SHANTA HOFF OF BETHEL

also attended last week's Inauguration in Washington, D.C. She is shown here on the ice of the Reflecting Pool. Hoff described her experience: "We met so many people in D.C. — a couple of guys from Pennsylvania on the Metro in the morning, who we ran into later in the day, and wound up spending a bunch of time with; the Channel Five news team, including Andy Bell from the UK; an older couple who had flown over from Dublin, Ireland; a radio reporter from Seattle, Wash.; and a group of women from Zion, Utah. While cheering on the Sanford marching band [in the parade], we met two men and their daughter, who had grown up in Brunswick, and even met a Bethel man's brother. It was amazing to be in a city so filled with joy and kindness, where strangers were sharing food and trinkets. One woman had a button that I had been looking for — the Hope pin, which had sold out. She took it off her jacket and gave it to me. I also had lost a glove so borrowed a mitten from someone who had lost its match. Everyone was sharing and helping each other out. I came home with a pocket full of e-mail addresses and have been sending pictures to the people I met around me."



Our Back Pages

Compiled by Danna Brown Nickerson
10 years ago: The c1840s Alva Hobbs house in Locke Mills village was being torn down to make way for improvements to accommodate the increasing traffic on Route 26.

The Cross Country Quilters completed a Grandmother's Flower Garden quilt to be raffled off to benefit the Bethel Library.

The Newry Recreation Committee sponsored a contra dance at the Newry Grange Hall.

Births: Nathan Anthony Hilton, Kevin Tyler Shepard. Deaths: George W. Holbrook, Ralph A. Black, Jr.

20 years ago: Former SAD44 Superintendent Dr. Robert J. Gerardi, Sr. was named one of 100 outstanding veteran school managers in North America.

Students from the Woodstock School enjoyed a sliding party at the Phillips Farm, South Woodstock.

Herman C. Cole, 93, of Woodstock, was presented the Boston Post Cane, officially acknowledging him as the town's most senior citizen.

Birth: Rebecca Lee Bedard. Death: Methyl M. Gerrish.

30 years ago: Dr. James Hudson, D.V.M. was speaker at the January meeting of the Bit and Spur Riding Club.

Thelma and Herman Card were honored by friends and relatives at a 40th wedding anniversary party at the American Legion Hall in Bethel.

The Norseman Inn was featured in Downeast Magazine's 1979 Annual "Maine Today."

Deaths: Mrs. Marion R. Cole, Hermon H. Cummings, Graydon E. Campbell.

40 years ago: A modern 42 by 160 foot, three story, fully automatic broiler house was erected by Mr. and Mrs. Oakley Godwin.

Telstar Regional High School was featured on Channel 13's new television series "School Programs and Current Education."

Peter Kailey of the Sunday River Ski Club was the winner of the ninth annual Mel Jodrey Trophy race.

Births: Karen Denise Gould, Kevin Andrew Merrill, Dawn Marie Brown.

Deaths: James A. Goodwin, Rufus E. Rice.

50 years ago: Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kailey moved into their new home, the King place, in the Park.

A skating party was held at the Crescent Park Skating Rink with 45 seventh and eighth graders in attendance. Refreshments were served and records were played over an amplifying system.

The Bethel Fire Department was called to a chimney fire at the home of Mrs. Marion Kimball, Songo Pond.

Birth: Donna Susan Judkins, Nancy Alice Brown.

Deaths: Clyde P. Hall, Joseph W. Guimond, Mrs. Carrie B. Grover, Miss Edith A. Wilson, Mrs. Harry Martin.

60 years ago: Complete school lunch serving began at the village schools. The complete balanced lunch was fruit juice, meat or other high protein content foods, one vegetable, dessert and milk. The price was 20 cents.

Wallace Saunders was elected president of the Men's Brotherhood of the Methodist Church.

The Lions Club voted to sponsor a play with the Bethel Players in April.

The snowplow was in South Albany for the first time of the 1949 season.

Deaths: Isaac A. Cushman, Mrs. Mary B. Turner, Mrs. Lydia E. Spofford.

70 years ago: Various ice houses at Hanover were being filled with ice cut at Howard's Pond.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry E. Mason were spending some time in Clearwater, Fla.

The Junior Girl Scout Troop planned a Valentine Supper.

100 years ago: Bethel Village schools reopened after closing for scarlet fever.

Teamster H.G. Learned, who drives the tote team between Bethel and Upton had two ribs and an arm broken by a horse.

Death: Ada Chapman Cushing.

Marriage: John McPherson and Ella E. Coffin.

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Warming

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winter ticks.

As the name implies, winter ticks attach themselves during the winter season.

"The moose start grooming themselves to get the ticks off, and they rub off a lot of fur," said Hotopp.

As a result, the moose can suffer from hypothermia, as well as blood loss.

"It can be very bad for them, especially for calves," said Hotopp.

He said a study in New Hampshire showed that more than one-third of calves die from ticks.

A warming climate, he said, could favor the winter tick at a certain period of its life cycle.

"The winter ticks drop off in the spring to lay their eggs," said Hotopp. "If they fall in leaf litter, then they have a place to lay their eggs. If they fall on snow, they're gone. An earlier snow melt in the spring, or maybe not a lot of snow, would favor the winter ticks. It's better for the moose if the snow pack stays on for a long time."

Signs of moose possibly already being affected by climate change are turning up in northwestern Minnesota, Hotopp said.

After peaking at about 4,000 in 1985, the numbers have dropped to less than 1,000 animals, according to researchers.

The researchers believe the cause is a combination of climate, parasites/pathogens, and food that is nutritionally inadequate.

"It's not a 100 percent connection between climate change and the decline, but there's a lot of circumstantial evidence," Hotopp said.

The Minnesota researchers also suggested that climate change may prompt a northward shift in the distribution of moose.

Birds, fish

Some of Maine's iconic birds may also be at risk, including the common loon and the black-capped chickadee, said Hotopp.

Projections of climate effect on the birds are more theoret-

ical than predictions about moose, he said.

The projections do not address specific mechanisms for how those changes occur, said Hotopp.

Loons, he said, are projected to decline by 75 percent under the best-case climate-change model.

"It doesn't look that good for them, but hopefully this is a theoretical outcome that is not that likely," said Hotopp.

Another Maine species, the Atlantic salmon, could suffer from a decline in the volume of rivers and streams as a result of climate change, he said.

The fish need high water volume for swimming and laying eggs. They also need high levels of oxygen, which is more plentiful at lower water temperatures.

Hotopp endorsed efforts to reduce the burning of fossil fuels and a move toward cleaner sources of energy to lessen manmade climate change.

"Climate change impacts that we are beginning to see in wildlife research should not be considered as an important piece of evidence in support of climate change as an event," he said. "Human-caused climate change is occurring and that is well-established already. I see the wildlife impacts as a way for people to think about how changes to our human society can occur."

Upcoming presentations

Hotopp's presentation was the first in the 2009 MLT Local Knowledge Series.

Upcoming topics: Feb. 7, Snowshoe Hike and Pot Luck Luncheon at First Mountain, N.H.; Feb. 13, "Animal Track" with David Brown; Feb. 14, "Tracking Field Trip: with Brown; March 18, "Climbing in Bolivia" with Paul Cormier; April 15, "Apples of Maine" with John Bunker; July 25, Whitecap Blueberrying; Sept. 19, Paddle and BBQ.

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Briefly

More NewPage layoffs

RUMFORD—Thirteen percent of the workers at NewPage Corp. will permanently lose their jobs over the next few weeks. A news release issued Tuesday afternoon by mill management said 100 hourly employees and 30 salaried people would be permanently laid off. "This is very unfortunate for all involved. A hundred people is devastating," said Local 900 President Matt Bean of the United Paperworkers International Union. When the layoffs are completed in February, employment at the local mill will fall to about 860.

Elective seats open in Andover

ANDOVER—The Town of Andover has several positions up for election this year. Three-year-term positions include a full-time road commissioner and a part-time clerk/tax collector. Fire chief, treasurer, and a selectman's seat are also open. The road commissioner and town clerk/tax collector positions are both eligible for benefits, because they are more than 20 hours per work week, selectman chair Susan Merrow said. There are also one-year and three-year seats open for the School Board. Nomination papers, job descriptions, and 2008 pay rates are available from the Andover Town Office. Nomination papers require a minimum of 25 signatures to get on the ballot for March. The deadline for submitting nomination papers is Thursday, Feb. 5 at noon. With the exception of selectman and School Board, candidates do not need to be Andover residents.

Plea deal for former housekeeper

PARIS—A former head housekeeper at Sunday River Ski Resort accused of taking more than \$10,000 from her staff had her case filed Thursday in a plea deal at Oxford County Superior Court. Tammy Holmes, 41, of 210 Rumford Center Road in Andover, admitted to misdemeanor theft instead of felony theft. If she abides by certain conditions, including no contact with on-duty Sunday River employees, not being at the resort and paying \$500 to the Maine State Humane Society, she may withdraw her plea and have the charge dismissed in a year, Justice Roland Cole agreed. Holmes was indicted in June 2007, charged with taking a little more than \$10,000 that should have been given to other housekeeping staff at the Newry resort between August 2006 and February 2007. Assistant District Attorney Richard Beauchesne said Holmes was an executive housekeeper in charge of collecting money to be distributed to her staff at the end of the ski season. Defense attorney Thomas Carey said he was prepared to go to trial and that several housekeepers Holmes had supervised would have testified on her behalf. "The housekeepers at Sunday River got every penny that they were entitled to," Carey said. "She's really the victim of some poor record keeping on Sunday River's part and on her part." Beauchesne acknowledged, "It would have been a difficult case to prove." Carey said Holmes recognized the state could have presented evidence that might have convinced a jury to find her guilty of the felony charge and she didn't want to take that risk.

Sugarloaf skier dies

CARRABASSETT VALLEY—A 16-year-old girl from Connecticut has died after crashing into a tree at Sugarloaf ski resort. Officials say Rebecca McGill, a student at Stratton Mountain School in Vermont, was taken to Central Maine Medical Center in Lewiston following the accident on Tuesday, Jan. 20. She died at the hospital the following day. The girl was at the resort with other students as part of Sugarloaf's annual speed-week training camp for competitive ski racers. A Sugarloaf spokesman said that at the time of the accident, McGill was "free skiing" and not participating in sanctioned training activities.

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Merger

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The votes by town were: Newry, 25-14; Greenwood 25-20; Woodstock 53-46; Bethel 146-102; and Andover, 48-33.

Tuition towns Gilead and Upton also approved a merger, by 19-3 and 11-8, respectively.

In SAU37, towns and plantations voted "no" by a combined 31-339.

Rangeley voted 22-170; Rangeley Plantation 2-30; Dallas Plantation 2-96; Magalloway Plantation 2-9; Lincoln Plantation 2-11; and Sandy River Plantation 1-23; accord-

ing to Murphy.

Autonomy concerns

The plan was created this past fall by a joint Regional Planning Committee.

A new school board would have overseen the new system. But SAU37 representatives, concerned about local control, asked that the plan provide for local committees to have some powers, as long as their actions did not conflict with the larger board.

The RPC voted in November against the local committee proposal, with the nay votes

coming from SAD44 members and the years from SAU37.

Penalty

By current law, SAD44 may now be assessed a \$185,000 penalty in the form of lost state education aid, as a result of the failure of the two systems to agree on a merger plan.

But there is currently a bill before the Legislature that would exempt school systems that approved a merger from the penalty, in cases where the potential partner defeated the consolidation plan.

Zoning

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that does not cause undue adverse impact to the visual/scenic landscape character and the visual environment of the town.

Examples include restrictions on the use of reflective surfaces, outdoor lighting fixtures, types of building materials and square footage.

But a letter from Mark Hall, director of development at Sunday River, said that the guidance provided by the proposed amendment was vague.

He cited in particular the language "if the project is on a forested hillside, build-

ing shall blend in to the surroundings at all times of the year."

"The extent of these proposed districts, in conjunction with this general, vague and subjective language, creates uncertainty for the town and landowners, and vests the Planning Board with decision making relative to hillside overlay districts that will on its face be considered arbitrary at best."

"Lacking any further clarification language in the proposed amendment, Sunday River strongly objects to the inclusion of the hillside overlay districts in the proposed amendments."

Sunday River engineer Joe Aloisio, who read Hall's letter at the meeting, said that in other towns adopting such an ordinance, "it was a very extensive process to develop a very detailed list of what's acceptable so that it's clear."

John Maloney of the Androscoggin Valley Council

Other issues

Several other amendments prompted considerable discussion.

They included: A UDRO requirement that all subdivisions utilize one of three options for fire protection — sprinkler systems, cisterns or fire ponds.

New wording in the building code that requires all new construction have a main electrical disconnect on the exterior of the building, so the Fire Department can easily shut off power in case of a fire.

New wording in the building code that a permit be obtained before the construction, placement, alteration, relocation, repair or replacement of any building or part thereof with a project value in excess of \$1,000.

Cemetery ordinance amendments that include the banning of decorations higher than 36 inches, toys, sculptures, ceramics, illuminated memorials, flags and other items.

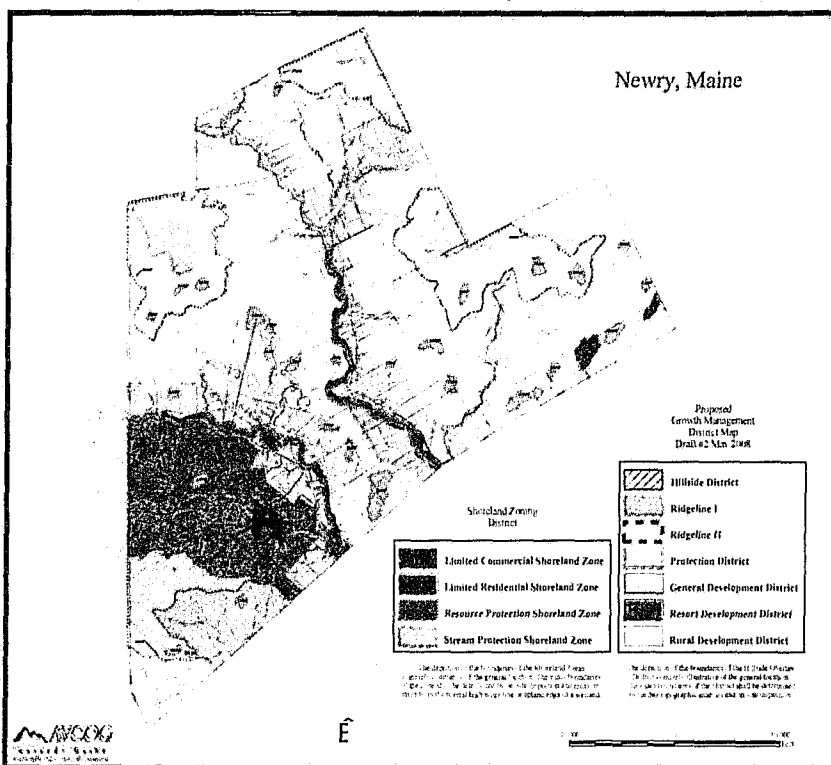
Next steps

Maloney said the comments made at the two-hour hearing would be considered by the committee.

Loretta Powers, Newry's town administrator, recommended against a vote on the ordinance proposals at the annual Town Meeting in March, because discussion could be lengthy.

She favored a separate, special Town Meeting in the spring.

(The reporter is married to Sunday River engineer Joe Aloisio.)



Cole

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On Monday the selectmen did discuss the contract further, in closed session, for nearly an hour and a half, with Cole present for 10 to 15 minutes of that time.

But they ultimately emerged and, without public comment, affirmed the earlier vote.

Selectmen contacted by The Citizen declined to comment on their reasons for not renewing, or on where the town goes from here.

The latter question will be the topic of a special selectmen's meeting set for Monday.

"We've decided to face the issue as a board when we have our meeting next Monday," Board Chairman Stan Howe told The Citizen Tuesday.

In calling for the meeting Monday evening, Howe described the need for it as follows: "So we can plan an orderly transfer — it may take longer than we think."

What he is hired for?

While the selectmen declined to comment on their reasons for not renewing Cole's contract, the ongoing friction between the town manager and other town entities undoubtedly played a large role.

Cole clashed over the years not only with the town Airport Authority and — repeatedly — with the Bethel Water District, but most notably with the Bethel Police Department leadership.

In April 2003 he placed then Chief Darren Tripp on paid administrative leave, following an incident that began

with the PD issuing a "dog at large" summons.

Tripp was eventually reinstated, but he was back on the carpet the following January, following an incident in which communication broke down between the BPD and Oxford County dispatch during a hold-up at the Big Apple.

As a result of the incident Cole ultimately fired Tripp, and when Tripp appealed to the Board of Selectmen, they backed the Town Manager, by a vote of 3-2.

Following the firing, Cole described Tripp and another officer "sitting out there jerking off in the police station," while the robbery was in progress.

(Cole believed he was speaking privately to a couple in his office, but they were in fact secretly recording the conversation.)

He then offered his vision of the police force with Tripp out of way: "We're going to get a real chief, real officers, not these gangsters who worked for Tripp."

The chief Cole went on to hire was Alan Carr, who had recently retired after 20 years with the Maine State Police.

But by the spring of the past year, Cole was warning Carr that "several concerns about [Carr's] job performance had emerged."

Cole told the chief a formal letter of concern would be forthcoming.

Carr responded by filing his own two-page, single spaced

complaint with the Board of Selectmen, alleging that Cole had systematically worked to undermine Carr's authority (including telling a subordinate that Carr was to be fired) and had mismanaged Police Department funds.

After reviewing the matter the selectmen voted, unanimously, to back the town manager and take no action on Carr's complaint.

"The fact of the matter is that in any of these happenings in town affairs, you just have the town manager suggesting different ways of doing things, and that is ultimately what he is hired for," Selectman Don Bennett said prior to that vote.

But Monday, nine months later, Bennett joined the other four board members in voting not to renew Cole's contract.

Cole, 47, holds a bachelor's degree in economics from Cornell University and a master's degree in public administration from the University of Maine.

He served in the U. S. Army, and began his town managing career in Belgrade in 1990.

Before coming to Bethel he had served for six and a half years as town manager in Standish.

The Citizen reported in 1999 that Cole left that position when his contract was bought out for \$80,000, following controversy stemming from personnel issues, according to a published report at the time.

Cole's salary for his final year in Bethel is \$77,000.



The Way I See It

by Sharon Bouchard

Been cold enough for ya? It certainly has been for me. As I get older I find myself a lot more preoccupied with the weather in general and the temperature specifically. I guess it's just my aging bones.

In my younger days, especially as a teenager, what it was doing outside or how hot/cold it was didn't seem all that important. The only time it really became an issue was when a snowstorm cancelled the school dance, which was a bummer. But it also cancelled school, which was cause for celebration. It seemed to equal out.

Walking to school when it was really cold and windy wasn't all that much fun considering that in my era girls could not wear jeans or pants in school. A girl, could however, wear pants under her skirt or dress on the way to school, but that just wasn't very cool.

I thought it would look stupid to any cute boy I might meet along the way if I had pants and a skirt. For some reason I didn't think purple legs from the cold looked stupid. Teenage girls are not known for rational thinking.

When it was hot we didn't mind because we would just go swimming. The lake was a couple of miles away and walking that far when it was hot and humid really wasn't a problem. However, I would readily use heat as

an excuse not to weed the vegetable garden when my father asked, but it actually didn't bother me that much.

Boy, how things have changed. Listening to the weather forecast is a nightly ritual. Basing whatever plans I may have on rain, snow, sleet, wind or heat is a way of life.

The electronic thermometers have become a pet peeve of mine recently.

I find myself going to my living room window all too frequently to see what it's doing out or to check the thermometer. The giant thermometer affixed to the side of my window has become more important to me than my microwave. Plus I check out the electronic thermometers everywhere I go.

The electronic thermometers have become a pet peeve of mine recently. For one thing there are at least four of them that I pass on my way to work and none of them agree. There can be as much as a 10-degree difference between the four and it's only a two-mile stretch. What's up with that?

For another thing, a good many of the electron-

ic thermometers are also electronic billboards providing way more information than motorists have time to read while passing by.

It really irks me when I'm trying to see what the temperature is only to get the latest rate on CD's or car loans. By the time it gets to the information I want I'm a mile down the road looking at another electronic billboard offering to finance a new HDTV or congratulating the local high school basketball team.

I remember when the state of Maine banned billboards because they detracted from the beauty of our state. Now the state is beginning to take on a Las Vegas look with all the electronic billboards lighting up the landscape.

And, I find myself trying to read all this neon information when all I really want to know is how hot or cold it is.

I think we're going to reach a whole new level of traffic accidents caused by driver inattention due to reading the darn electronic billboards.

Back to the subject at hand, which is not my newest pet peeve, but my new addiction to the weather. So, the way I see it...oh wait, I have to go check the temperature and then I can tell you the way I see it.

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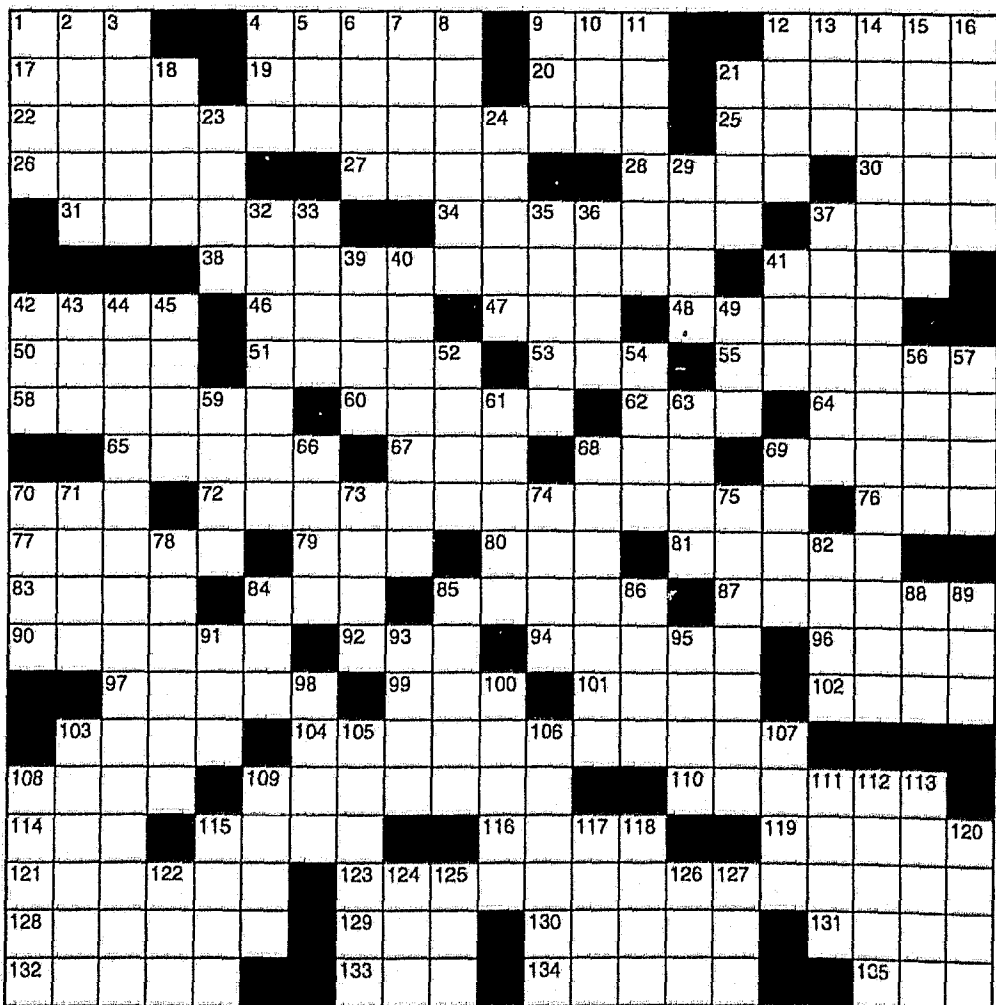
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From the Bethel Police Log:

Tuesday, Jan. 27

At 2:34 p.m. Officer George Gould responded to Main St. for a report of an accident. There was no damage.

At 3:51 p.m. Officer George Gould took a report of an accident in a parking lot.

Sunday, Jan. 25

At 12:30 p.m. Officer Crystal Aylward responded to a call with Bethel Rescue.

Saturday, Jan. 24

At 11:35 p.m. on Main St. Lt. S.R. White arrested Christopher J. Sullivan, 45, of Merrimac, Mass. for operating after suspension.

Friday, Jan. 23

At 2:40 p.m. Lt. S.R. White responded to a three-vehicle car-bus accident on the Chandler Hill Rd. There were no serious injuries.

At 8:40 p.m. Lt. S.R. White responded to the North Rd. for a report of a vehicle off the road. Timothy Lisiczka, 28, was arrested for operating without a license, leaving the scene of a property damage accident and failure to notify of an accident by the quickest means.

Wednesday, Jan. 21

At noon Officer Jason Goff received a report of a theft of 20 bags of tube sand from a local business. The staff had followed the suspect to his residence. The subject, David Cherkis, was arrested for theft and given a criminal trespass notice for the business property.

Bethel



by Virginia Keniston

Gould Academy girls of the classes of '38, '39, '40 met at Cross-roads Diner

for lunch on Thursday.

The West Parish Congregational Church held their annual meeting after the church service Sunday, followed by a super lunch.

"Becky" Ricker is the lady remembered from the Bethel House.

Dr. Lennie Shaw returned from a visit with his sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Miles Coon, in Florida.

West Bethel



by Lorrie Hoeh

Since logging has started again down in the forest,

Jake and I have taken to walking the gas pipeline off Grover Hill Road. Once or twice a week we are joined by our walking buddy, Bonnie Pooley. The snowmobile trail there makes for excellent walking, and sled traffic is just about nonexistent in the early morning hours. We do meet up with the Snow Twisters' grooming rig now and then, and I always wave and think, "Thanks!"

The forest road is plowed and easy to navigate, but I'm always concerned about meeting a logging truck and having no place to scurry out of the way. Moreover, having Jake on a leash (to keep

him out of harm's way) is no fun for him, and worrying is no fun for me. So the pipeline it is, for now.

Last week's major event was, of course, President Obama's inauguration. Whatever one's politics, it was an awesome display, with more people than the entire Maine population attending. Our hopes and prayers are with the new administration, that they might lead us out of our collective troubles.

On Feb. 8 there will be a special presentation as part of the Senior College series on health. Senior Players will appear in "Strangers Among Us," a play about Alzheimer's patients, their loved ones, and caregivers. It's a very powerful piece that will strike a chord with anyone who has watched a friend or relative battle this disease.

We had an overnight guest on Saturday night. Sherry Colarusso, who with her husband John owns the Mud City schoolhouse, is in Maine this week to conduct a workshop for teachers of math in Lewiston. She is staying in Lewiston but spent her first night here so as to retrieve some needed materials from the schoolhouse. The Colarusos are looking forward to spending time there in April.

We are overrun with blue jays. They are an almost constant presence, in groups of twenty or more. We have had a turkey on a daily basis (just one), but she had not shown up on Monday by the time I wrote this, so we are wondering what's happened. No more visits since last week from goldfinches. We continue to see chickadees, woodpeckers, and occasional juncos. Where are the rest of our feathered

friends?

Mike and I went down to Lewiston on Sunday afternoon to the Public Theatre's production of "Collected Stories." After enjoying the play we went to the special Chinese New Year buffet at Wei Li's Restaurant in Auburn. One event fed our souls, the other, our bodies. An altogether delicious day.

Monday afternoon we were again headed for Black Mountain to watch grandson, Andrew Siegel, skiing with the Telstar Middle School team in a cross-country race. Temperatures the night before hit minus 9 degrees here at the Hochstead but had warmed to the teens by afternoon. Still chilly to be in a skinny ski suit, but the racers get heated up in transit.

I'm looking forward to Sunday when I'll be teaming up with the "Dairy Heirs" to participate in a huge women's ski clinic at the Bethel Inn. It is sponsored by New England Nordic Skiing Association (NENSA), and there will be many excellent instructors, including Leslie Bancroft, whose mother and aunts, the Hastings sisters, are the principals in the Dairy Heirs. Leslie was an Olympic team member back along.

We hope you're keeping warm and enjoying the sunshine and (mostly) lack of additional snow to shovel. (That may have changed on Wednesday.) Let me know how you're coping: dhoe@megalink.net; 836-3011.

Upton



by Laurie Brown

The snowmobile trail crosses Leslie Aron's driveway and goes along beside

it. I was gabbing with Penny and drove down the trail for a bit, until I realized I'd taken the wrong turn. The trial was so well groomed I could have backed out on my own if I'd stayed on it! Alas, Andy had to pull me out of the snowbank. That was my "oops" for the week.

There will be no Planning Board meeting this month.

Very little dye is used to color soaps and shampoos. The color seems denser in the containers because we're looking through considerable thicknesses. When the soaps make suds, the water-soluble dye is diluted, thus the suds are white.

For \$20 each, you can treat your Valentine to a supper of either prime rib or cornish hen, with all the fixins', in a beautiful, Valentine décor at the Upton Ladies Aid Building. Call Penny at 533-2010 to make your reservation. Not only will you enjoy a wonderful meal with charming service, you'll be able to be a sleuth in a "whodunit" "crime" as you observe the clues unfolding throughout the night. There will be a prize for the first person who solves the case. All this takes place at 6 p.m. on Feb. 14.

Ketchup is said to be effective when used as a polish for brass candlesticks. Hardware and such. Whoda thunk it, eh?

In "Bigger and Better Upton Ladies Aid Cookbook," Lillian Fuller Rose remembered that her cousin, Albert Fuller, owned one of the first radios in town ... "a crystal set with two sets of ear phones." Hmmm -- prelude to iPods, maybe?

Yesterday I saw the biggest blue jay I've ever seen. A moose walked across our front "lawn," but we saw only his/her tracks. At 7:30 Monday morning coyotes were howling like crazy somewhere between our cabin and Joe's house. Hadn't heard them in the morning before that.

The phrase "hanky-panky" originated from magicians who waved hankies around to misdirect what was really going on during their acts.

PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to Title 28 M.R.S.A. 252 -- a notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held on February 9, 2009 at the Bethel Town Office to consider a Liquor License renewal and an Entertainment Permit renewal from The Funky Red Barn located on 19 Summer St. Public comment will be heard at that time. Prior to the hearing date written comment may be issued to the Bethel Town Office or email at info@bethelmaine.org

Christen Mason
Town Clerk

STATE OF MAINE OXFORD, ss

National City Mortgage a division of National City Bank of Indiana now known as National City Bank,
Plaintiff
vs.
Ryan Lancaster,
Defendant
and
Eric Lancaster,
party-in-interest

This matter came on to be heard on Plaintiff's Motion for an Order for Service by Publication upon the Party-in-Interest, Eric Lancaster, and it appearing that the above-named Party-in-Interest cannot with due diligence be served by any other prescribed method of service, and it appearing that this is a civil action for the foreclosure of a mortgage recorded in the Oxford County Registry of Deeds in Book 3907, Page 261, affecting real estate located in Bethel, Oxford County, Maine; IT IS ORDERED that the Party-in-Interest, Eric Lancaster, appear and defend the cause and serve an Answer to the Complaint upon the Plaintiff's attorney, David J. Jones, Esquire, at 11 Main Street, Suite 4, Kennebunk, Maine, on or before 41 days after the first publication of this Order. The Party-in-Interest, Eric Lancaster, is notified that if he should fail to do so, judgment by default will be entered against him for the relief demanded in the Complaint. A copy of the Party-in-Interest's Answer should also be filed with the Court.

It is further ORDERED that this Order be published in the Bethel Citizen, a newspaper of general circulation in Oxford County, Maine, published in Bethel, Maine, once a week for three successive weeks, the first publication to be within 20 days after entry of this Order. It is further ORDERED that the time for completing service of process is enlarged to 60 days after the first publication of this Order. Dated: 1/2/09

MAINE DISTRICT COURT Civil Action Division of Northern Oxford Docket No. RUM-RE-8-28

ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PROCESS (Title to Real Estate is Involved)

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The application is for an amendment to permit # L-21566-NI-A-N, which covered a road network including Acorn Drive and Branch Drive in Greenwood, Maine off of Route 26. The amended plan proposes a slight relocation of Branch Drive and the creation of 11 single family residential lots.

A request for a public hearing or a request that the Board of Environmental Protection assume jurisdiction over this application must be received by the Department in writing, no later than 20 days after the application is found by the Department to be complete and is accepted for processing. A public hearing may or may not be held at the discretion of the Commissioner or Board of Environmental Protection. Public comment on the application will be accepted throughout the processing of the application.

The application will be filed for public inspection at the Department of Environmental Protection's office in Portland during normal working hours. A copy of the application may also be seen at the municipal offices in Greenwood, Maine.

Written public comments may be sent to the regional office in Portland where the application is filed for public inspection:

MDEP, Southern Maine Regional Office, 312 Canco Road, Portland, Maine 04103

Ernest, your donuts will be forthcoming!

We got a dusting of snow this week, but it wasn't anything to talk about. So we didn't. The frigid temperatures came up quite often in conversations, though.

Have a great week. Got news for me? 533-2111
Selah.

Gilead



by Lin Chapman

The cold weather is back, but not as bad as a couple of weeks ago.

My brother, Steve McLain, stopped by our house on his

way to the Transfer Station Saturday. When he left here he was going to Gerard Dupont's to pick up his trash for him. A little later in the afternoon, the doorbell rang and he was back. This time he had his son, Brad, with him. I hadn't seen Brad for a while, so it was nice to visit with him.

Gale Tout has been watching a bunch of turkeys that have been wandering around her yard. The other day they came up the driveway toward the house. When she looked out the window again, there was one looking back in at her. She said she could have reached right out and touched it.

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9 Atherton Drive, Newry, Oxford County, Maine
By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in that certain Mortgage Deed given by Martin's Country Homes, Inc., a Maine corporation, to Camden National Bank (the "Lender"), dated December 29, 2006, and recorded in the Oxford County Registry of Deeds in Book 4070, Page 346 (hereinafter referred to as the "Mortgage"), for breach of the conditions of the Mortgage, and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, notice is hereby given that there will be sold at public sale beginning at 11:00 A.M. on March 7, 2009, at 9 Atherton Drive, Newry, Oxford County, Maine, all and singular the premises described in the Mortgage as follows (the "Property"):

To wit: Unit Number 4 in the Red House Farm Village Condominium located in the Town of Newry, County of Oxford and State of Maine, a condominium established by Wright Enterprises, LLC, pursuant to the Maine Condominium Act and a Declaration of Condominium dated August 3, 2001 and recorded in the Oxford County Registry of Deeds in Book 2981, Page 136; amended by First Amendment to Declaration of Red House Farm Village Condominium dated December 24, 2003 and recorded in Book 3441, Page 270. Further amended by second amendment to declaration of Red House Farm Village Condominium dated May 13, 2004 and recorded in the Oxford County Registry of Deeds in Book 3512, Page 193 (which Declaration, together with the Exhibits and/or appendices thereto, and any amendments, is herein termed "Declaration" and to which reference is hereby made), which said unit is shown on the plan entitled "First Amended Condominium Plat for Red House Farm Village Condominium", dated August 3, 2001 prepared for Wright Enterprises, LLC, by Main Land Development Consultants, Inc. and recorded in the Oxford County Registry of Deeds in Book 3358.

Said Unit is conveyed with the benefit of, and subject to:

- Provisions of (f) the Maine Condominium Act, as that statute may be amended from time to time, (g) the Declaration, as the same may be amended from time to time by instrument in the Oxford County Registry of Deeds
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- An undivided 5 56% interest in the common areas and facilities of the Property described in said Declaration ("common elements") attributable to the Unit
- The provisions of the Declaration, Bylaws, Exhibits to the Declaration, floor plans, and survey plan of the condominium recorded simultaneously with and as a part of the Declaration, as the same may be amended from time to time by appropriate instruments recorded in Oxford County Registry of Deeds, which provisions, together with any amendments thereto, shall constitute covenants running with the land and shall bind any person having at any time any interest or estate in the Unit, his heirs, assigns, servants and visitors as though such provision were recited and stipulated at length herein.

Being the same property conveyed to The Good Life, LLC by deed of Wright Enterprises, LLC, dated April 27, 2004 and recorded in the Oxford County Registry of Deeds in Book 3499, Page 209.

Being the same property conveyed to Martins Country Homes, Inc. by deed of The Good Life, LLC, of even or recent date to be recorded simultaneously with this instrument.

TERMS OF SALE: All bids will be accepted for the Property beginning at 11:00 A.M. on March 7, 2009, at 9 Atherton Drive, Newry, Maine. All bidders will be required to deposit \$10,000.00 to bid in cash or certified U.S. funds made payable to Tranzone Auction Properties in order to register to bid (the "Deposit"). The Property will be sold to the highest bidder, who must leave the Deposit as a non-refundable down payment. The highest bidder will also be required to increase the Deposit to an amount equal to ten percent (10%) of the high bid price within five (5) days of the date of the public sale. The highest bidder will also be required to sign a purchase and sale agreement calling for a closing within 28 days of the public sale at which time the balance of the bid price will be due in immediately available U.S. funds, and the Lender, as foreclosing mortgagee, will deliver a duly executed Quitclaim Deed Without Covenant and Release Bill of Sale conveying whatever right, title and interest the Lender has in the Property, as appropriate. The Lender, as foreclosing mortgagee, and its nominees and assigns, reserve the right to bid without making the required Deposit and, if the Lender, or its nominee or assign, is the high bidder, to pay for the Property, with a credit against the debt owed.

Other terms to be announced at the sale.

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By:

Its Asst. Vice President
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the fact that their granddaughter, Marissa Corriveau, had made the Dean's List for the third year in a row at the University of New England. Melissa is the daughter of Holly and Fernand Corriveau, Jr. Congratulations to Melissa!

Fire Department

The GFD was called out last Sunday about 8:30 a.m. for a wire down at the intersection of Route 2 and the Bog Road. Four members and one truck responded to the scene and Bob Cross, who is the local CMP man, was already there. Bob lives on the Bog Road, so he was quick to respond.

Town Office

The Selectmen met last week to work on the budget. They hope that there will only have to be a couple more budget meetings and then they can work on the items for the Town Report.

There are still a few more people who have not licensed their dogs and the end of January is coming right up.

Got any news? Call 836-2987 or e-mail chapmal@hotmail.com.

Andover



by Melinda Averill

Hello Andover friends. I hope everyone is keeping warm,

it's supposed to be another cold weekend so bundle up. We are also supposed to get a storm on Wednesday-Thursday, so run all of your errands before then. That way the roads will be empty for the town road crew to plow! Keep up the good work guys. I have to say

our roads are always in good shape.

The drawing for the raffle of the two-drawer night table (donated by Ethan Allen) was held on Wednesday, Jan. 14, at Mills Market. Don Wardwell drew the winner, Barbara Simmons of Andover. This was part of the New Year's Eve event benefiting the Andover Food Pantry (over \$400 was raised). Congratulations Barb!

Polly and Dick Johnston, Spanaway, Wash., would like to announce the arrival of a new great-granddaughter, Amelia Maenette McBride. (Maenette is her great-great-grandmother's name). She was born on Dec. 20 at 2:55 in irbanks Alaska, weighing 9 pounds, 8 ounces and was 23 inches long. Her parents are Emily and Dan McBride of North Pole, Alaska, grandparents are Julie and John Merrill of North Pole, Alaska and Calman, Fla. Julie and John were just in Maine for the wedding of Kassie Merrill, in Rangeley.

Celebrating a birthday this week: Izaak Mills on the 29th. The Andover Elementary School fifth-grade class is having a family fun dance on Feb. 13 at AES from 6:30 to 8 p.m. They will also be having a bottle drive on Feb. 21 to raise funds for their end-of-the-year field trip to Boston. Bottles can always be dropped off on the front porch of the school or if you would like to have them picked up you can call the school at 392-4381.

I would like to send my condolences to Brad and Elissa Thibodeau in the loss of his father, Philip Thibodeau Sr., who passed away at his home in Rumford on Friday, Jan. 23. A lifelong resident of Rum-

ford and Roxbury Pond, Phil was a World War II veteran of the United States Navy. He is survived by his five sons and their spouses, Phil and Janet of Rumford, Bradford and Elissa of Andover, Dale and Patty of New York, Michael and Louanne of Rumford Center, and Richard and Lise of Vermont; his three daughters, Lou Ann Thibodeau and her companion Del Johnston of Gardiner, Debbie Peale and husband Rob of Readfield and Mary Ann McCall of New Hampshire. Also his 18 great-grandchildren, and eight grandchildren. He was predeceased by his wife of 65 years, Luetta. A mass of Christian burial will be held on Friday, Jan. 30, 11 a.m. at the Parish of the Holy Savior, Rumford.

This is Super Bowl Weekend for many of you. Me, I will be watching women's college basketball instead!

Stay warm!

Mason



by Richard Grover

I began this column a week ago using Jane Ryerson's laptop computer; when I got about 2/3 finished, some part of my anatomy contacted a button on the keyboard, and the screen went blank. After trying everything I could think of to find the lost story, I gave up and decided to wait till I got home. That's the big fault I find with using laptops; the keyboards are smaller, and some of the keys are in different places. Being ham-fisted, I keep inadvertently hitting things I shouldn't, and that causes all kinds of problems!

As I started to say, we set sail on a seven-day cruise from Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., on Sunday, Jan. 11 at about 5 p.m. It was a lovely warm evening, and we were soon out of the harbor and clipping along at a full 20 knots (about 23 or 24 mph). That doesn't sound very fast until you consider that the ship keeps that speed up for however many hours it takes to get where you are going. In our case we were anchored off the coast of Half Moon Key, Bahamas by about 8 a.m. Monday. The ship used

a couple of its motor launches (actually two of the life boats that hold about 120 persons each) to ferry passengers to and from shore, as there are no piers for large vessels. This was a virtually uninhabited island owned by Holland America Cruise Line and used to entertain cruise passengers for a day at a time. There were lots of beach toys and snorkeling gear available for rent, or you could just hang out on the beach or among the cabanas, soaking up the sun, buying "touristy" trinkets or drinks and enjoying an outstanding barbecue lunch. We enjoyed several hours of relaxing under a beach umbrella, reading and walking along the water's edge, and took a launch back to the ship shortly after lunch.

This was the fourth cruise for Mona and me, and it was also our fourth different cruise line. We found that they all offer great food and great service. The principal differences we noted were in the age groups they cater to and the types of activities offered. Some offer more "energetic" activities like horseback riding, scuba diving or dune buggy rentals. We think Holland America has a bit less variety in restaurant menus, and the passengers seemed to average a bit older (mostly gray haired, like us). This was good because there was a bit less boisterousness in the partying, at least that we observed. There are lots of shipboard activities: bingo, dancing, two on-board swimming pools, numerous bars, several restaurants, snack/pizza/burger/ice cream counters, beauty shop, spas, sauna, exercise room and equipment, computer terminals, casino, reading rooms, jewelry, clothing and sundry shops, a large theater-type ballroom for shows, cooking demonstrations, trivia contests, karaoke singing, lots of live music and entertainment, and lots of deck chairs for sun bathing.

We enjoyed the formal dining room for the evening meal. There was quite a varied menu, with different options every evening. Prime rib was featured on Monday night, surf and turf on Friday night; both were outstanding, and the rest of the menu options were excellent. The

dessert menu was also varied and excellent. Our table for eight featured two waiters who were very good and very friendly. Both were Indonesian; the headwaiter's name sounded like "Ge day" and the other was Harry. They even performed magic tricks after the meal nearly every evening. A beverage waiter was also available every meal, and he, too, always had a big smile and a winning way of talking you into the "special drink of the day."

Two hours after supper there were shows in the large theater every night. These were all highly entertaining and varied daily. The ship had a cast of dancers and singers who put on shows at least two nights, and some of the singers had voices better than most of today's recording stars. Another very good singer put on two shows; this man added spice by entering the audience and kissing one or two of the senior citizen ladies. One entertainer was a magician who called two volunteers on stage and also walked down and handed Craig Ryerson (sitting at one end of the front row) a fisherman's small landing net (a Wal-Mart special). After asking Craig his name and where he was from, he returned to the stage and stated that Craig had a part later in the show; when he asked, "Who's got the net?" Craig was supposed to jump up, wave the net and shout, "I've got the net!" Shortly, the magician said he wanted to be sure Craig had it straight, so he said, "Who's got the net?"

Craig stood up, net in hand, but said nothing. The magician made several comments and then went down to Craig and explained in a quiet voice that he really needed Craig to perform his stated function in order to make the show go right. Later, as part of a card trick, the magician handed three cucumber pickles to one of the volunteers on stage, took the deck of cards from the other on-stage volunteer and asked the first one to select two pickles of his choice to throw to the man with the net. Then he shouted, "Who's got the net?" Craig jumped and shouted back, "I've got the net!" The crowd whistled and cheered! The magician then asked pickle volunteer to toss two of the pickles to Craig, one

at a time. Craig caught both of them. The magician then cut open the remaining pickle held by the on-stage volunteer and seemingly removed the piece of the five of hearts that he had previously torn from the corner of the card and had the 2nd on-stage volunteer put it in his pocket!

Newry



by Sylvia Harrington

This is the correct spelling of the Pegamajo Café at Sunday

River.

On Saturday, the 24th, around 8:30 in the morning, 11 turkeys flew into the yard from quite a height. It was a very majestic sight. They ate the apples I had put out for the deer who were having a hard time with the depth of the snow. The deer still prefer the rhododendron bush.

Later that day I met Fran and Wayne Kerchner from Wellesley, Mass. They were in Andover at the Dresser home for the weekend. We had a very nice lunch, visited for over an hour and shopped at BRTD. Fran and Wayne brought me a very special and beautiful gift made by their church group.

Walter Clark called me during the weekend, as I had sent him a belated birthday card and good wishes for the New Year. He told me he had been in the Norway hospital for quite a while with a lung problem and now has to use oxygen. Keeping his home as he does means he needs help with wood if he continues to burn it. He also told me that he has many of his paintings on display and for sale at the Philbrook Barn in Bethel. His telephone is now next to him where he sits comfortably during calls.

The WVSC will host the local landowners to a supper, which is also open to the public for a price, on Feb. 21. Usually there is a 50/50 raffle during this event. More details about the dinner will be in this column on the 12th. Please keep the date open.

For news about the MVSC trails, please call Leon or Ed with any questions or with

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regard to the Windy Valleys Snowmobile Club. Leon Dunn can be reached at 824-3335 and Ed Powers at 1-207-739-9618 for information.

Stop in for snacks and gear at the BRTF. Warm up and have some soup or a cup of coffee. Usually several flavors of coffee are also available each day. Warm hats and gloves along with papers and many other needs are on the shelves.

Licenses and registrations for snowmobile and ATVs are also available at the BRTF as well as applications for membership in the local WVSC.

Sandee Dunn told me she saw one snow bunting this past week. Also during the week she and Leon groom the trails, which get lots of use during the weekends.

The Board of Selectmen meet on the first and third Monday of each month. The Planning Board members meet on the first and third Wednesday of each month. Their agendas are posted at the Town Office. If you need more information about these meetings, you may call the Town Office at 824-3123. All meetings at the Town Office are open to the public.

East Andover



by Joan Stinson-Carney

I can't believe that the horrible month of January is almost over. Now all we have to do is hunker down and get through February and March. An English poet once wrote that April is the cruellest month, obviously he never lived in Maine! If this is the "way life should be," all I can say is, ugh!

Don't forget that all dogs have to be registered by Jan. 31. That's Saturday, so if you haven't done it by now, you are already overdue and had better get to the Town Office on Monday.

The people who are running for elected town positions have until Feb. 5 to return their papers to the Town Office. Here is a list of who is running for what. Three-year selectman term: Phillip Milligan and Trudy Akers; town clerk/tax collector: Elaine Morton and Laura Owings; treasurer: Sandra Conrad and Savannah Sessions; road commissioner: Marshall Meisner; fire chief: Rob Dixon;

School Board, one-year term: Keith Smith, three-year term: Sid Pew.

The Awana group at the Calvary Bible Church is a huge success. They meet every Friday from 3:30 to 5 p.m. The Sr. and Jr. Youth Group meets every Friday evening from 6 to 8 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

The East Andover Community Club will hold their monthly meeting on Feb. 9 at the Calvary Church. Glenna Allen and Sandra Clements will be the hostesses. I bet there will be plenty of Valentines floating around.

A little food history. Did you know that cucumbers have been around for over 4,000 years? The Romans forced them to grow out of season because the Emperor Tiberius ate them daily. Charlemagne grew them in France in the 8th century. Columbus planted them in Haiti in 1494 and the Spanish brought them to North America. The Pilgrims started growing them in Massachusetts in 1629. They have been grown in enormous quantities ever since, to the delight of weight watchers, since cukes are 96 percent water. I wonder why nobody has started a "Cucumber Diet."

My son Tom called with some very interesting news the other night. He had been watching the History Channel and according to the Aztecs and Nicodemus the world is supposed to end on Dec. 21, 2012. Now Dec. 21 is already a very interesting day. It's the shortest day of the year, usually the first day of winter, the day the Pilgrims landed in America, and My Birthday. So, according to Tom, it's all my fault. See ya.

East Bethel

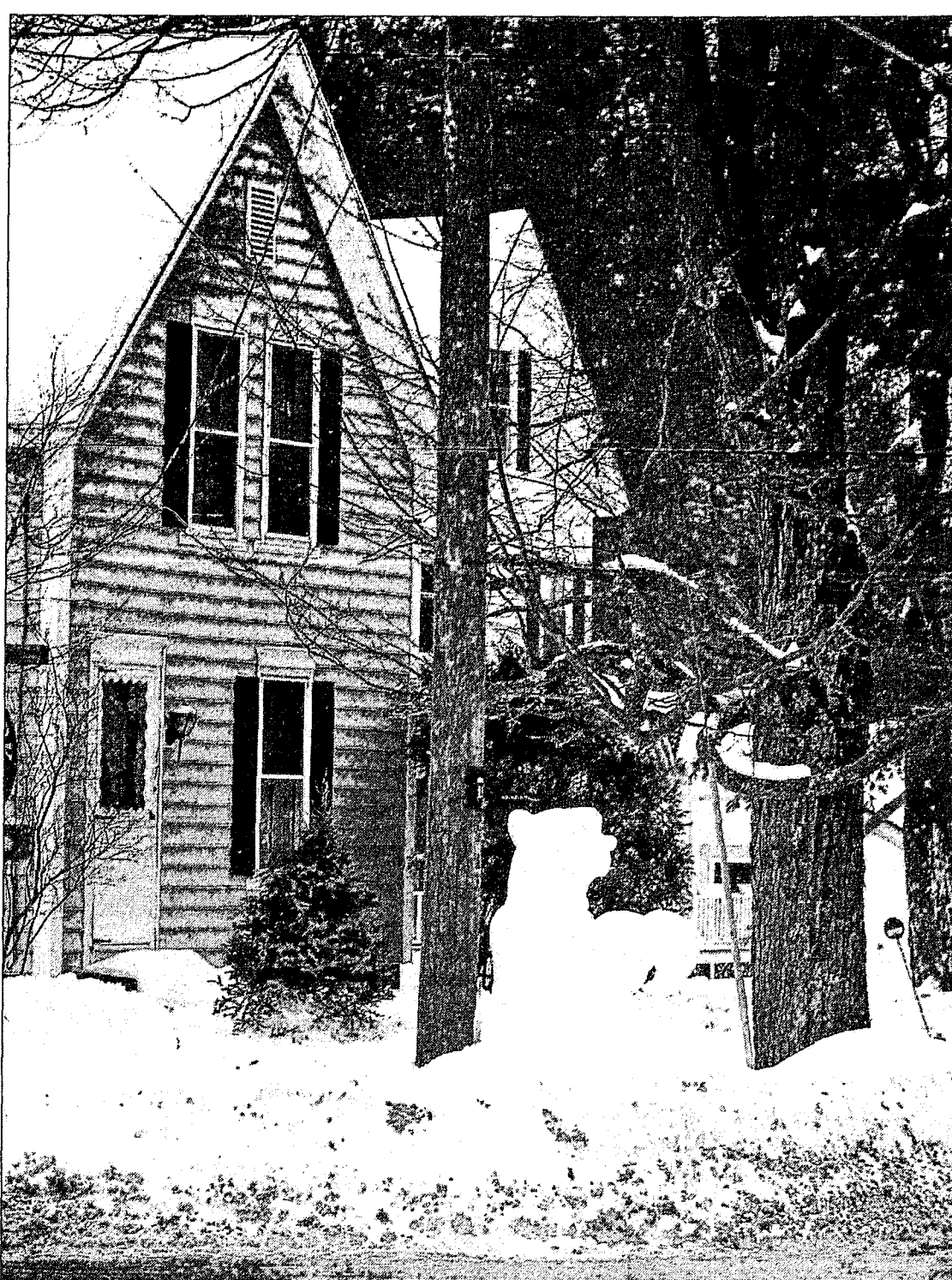


by Nancy Mercer

Ryan Hannigan returned to Southern Maine Community College on Jan. 11 after being home for the holidays.

Some rush-hour traffic people like to pop off turkeys. In the past two months, four turkeys have been taken out. The last two were in the past 10 days. The crows and blue jays had lunch for a while, until the plows put the remains under.

If you have any news, give me a ring at 824-3350. God Bless the Troops.



ADOPTED BEAR— After the WinterFest snow sculpture exhibition on the Bethel common concluded last weekend, most of the sculptures were taken down. But Barry Hallett rescued this bear and transported by trailer to his front yard on Mason Street. He first cut the sculpture off at a level even with his trailer. Then, using his Kubota, he pulled it on to the trailer with a strap wrapped around the bear's middle. Once at his house, he reversed the process. The operation took about five hours. The Halletts have dubbed the bruin "Boz."

(Photo: A. Aloisio)

Hanover



by Clem Worcester

The Board of Select Persons of Hanover met for their monthly meeting on Jan. 20. They heard reports and discussed several topics includ-

ing a large pile of snow at the intersection of Main Street and Howard Pond Road. They decided to have the snow removed because of safety. Later in the week D.A. Wilson's crew removed the snow. The Board set aside a portion of the taxes on one parcel due to an assessing error.

The Comprehensive Plan Committee met last Wednesday with nine members in

attendance. Discussion concerned the committee's vision for Hanover, the goals to achieve the vision and the policies that might make them possible. A lot of the information discussed was gathered at the community meeting and dinner last July.

A reminder for readers: Gardner Roberts Memorial Library Librarian Peg Susbury is available at the Hanover

Town Office on Wednesdays beginning at 9 a.m. each week to meet with anyone who needs assistance. A "mini library" has been set up inside the Town Office with some of the newer books that are available for take-out. The library bake sale is occasionally available on Wednesdays also.

The town of Hanover is in need of an alternate to the Planning Board. Anyone interested in accepting an appointment to that position should contact the Town Office.

Watch Out! There are little ladies with their hands out for money all over the region. It is Girl Scout cookie time. Find a Girl Scout near you and stock up.

A birthday celebration in honor of the eighth birthday of Kaylynn Worcester took place at Donna and Clem Worcester's last Saturday evening. Besides the guest of honor, attending were her dad, Brian and Sara Worcester, Marie Halacy, Dave Worcester, Bill and Gail Worcester. Also attending were Shawnee and Makala Worcester, who were celebrating their 11th month birthday the same day. Cake and ice cream were enjoyed, the cake being made in part by Kaylynn assisted by Gram.

Freeman Farrington of Andover along with Donna and Clem Worcester attended a Knights of Pythias function in Brunswick last Sunday. Following a lunch, Alvah Young Temple officers were installed to their 2009 offices, as were Fort George Lodge of Brunswick and Kennebec Lodge who traveled from Bowdoinham for the event.

West Paris



by Joyce Lamb

More of the same weather. About once a week it is at a bearable temperature and the Cotton Tops can walk. The snow depth is only a few inches so I can clean the drive myself.

At the West Paris Universalist Church on Feb. 1 the Rev Richard Beal will speak

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Ruth Hazelton's granddaughter, Kelly Vining and husband Kevin Ronkko, have moved to the West Coast, at Corvallis, Ore. Good Luck to them in their new jobs.

Beverly and Vince Stevens attended a hockey game in Auburn to see Dustin Tilly play and then went out to eat to celebrate Stacy Corbett's birthday. One day last week Ann and Fred Goulding and Stacy and Larry Corbett were at Beverly and Vince Stevens to celebrate Ann and Fred Goulding's birthdays.

During the winter I read a lot and just finished "The Sharper Your Knife, The Less You Cry" by Kathleen Flynn. The author attended Le Cordon Blue cooking school in Paris, France. I do know some French but had to get out my French dictionary to follow the story. It was very interesting and was full of love, laughter and tears. Also it included many receipts of

exotic meals. I will leave them to someone else.

Muffin doesn't pay attention to the weather reports for she is a warm inside cat. The old house stays at the same temperature during the day and is lowered 4 degrees at night. She shares my bed and is comfortable then too.

Bryant Pond



by Alice Hoyt

Services at the Baptist Church are Sunday school at 9:15 a.m., morn-

ing worship at 10:30, and evening service at 6. Wednesday evening at 6:30 is prayer meeting. Friday evening at 6:30 is youth group. Beginning Saturday, Jan. 31 at 10 a.m. Men's Bible Study will start up weekly in the adult Sunday school room. Ladies prayer meeting and Bible Study will meet Jan. 31 at 10 a.m., also in the fellowship hall. This group will meet monthly.

The Woodstock-Greenwood Senior Citizens group will meet on Feb. 5 at the Town Conference Room at 11:30 a.m.

After the business meeting a potluck dinner will be held. Please bring a hot dish, salad or dessert plus your own place setting. Program is a silent auction. Bring an item for the auction.

Historical Society

The Historical Society Museum is a historical and cultural center for the area and a representative New England museum. The museum features the furniture from the South Woodstock Church. The Decorative Arts are highlighted. Fine furniture and art, glass and china, and textiles of all sorts as well as medium and small collectibles and musical instruments are contained in the museum. They also have quite a few photos and letters from the Bryant family and value them all, since the village was named for Christopher Bryant. Ruby Emery's books are the major source of their genealogical information. Everyone should consult them. Olive Risko is head of the Research Committee. That group will try and help you if you have questions, and they give monthly reports at the meetings. The museum has many biographies of famous people. They also have in-



FUN ON THE SNOW—CPS first-grader Isaac Voisine enjoys a run down the beginner slope last week at Sunday River Ski Resort. Isaac and his classmates spent the day taking lessons, some for the first time. (Photo: A. Aloisto)

formation on notable Bryant Pond citizens. All members of the community are important, as one of the members recently observed.

Curator Larry Billings notes the great contribution of Andrew Wyeth to the World of Art. The museum has art ex-

hibits, thanks to Larry. He also regrets the passing of Billie Gammon of the Norlands. She always put the Historical Society news in the M.A.M. Newsletter.

Larry has got the coat of arms of the family through which he is descended from

King Edward IV and three governors of New Hampshire. His mother has traced the whole family genealogy. Larry gave a copy of his family tree, since he feels every historical museum should have such a chart.

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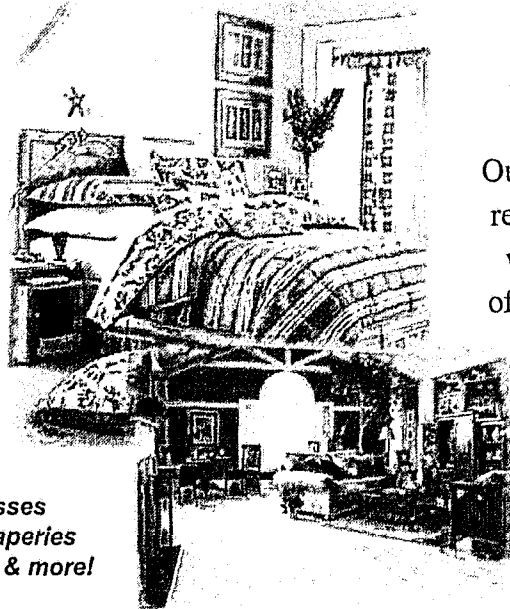
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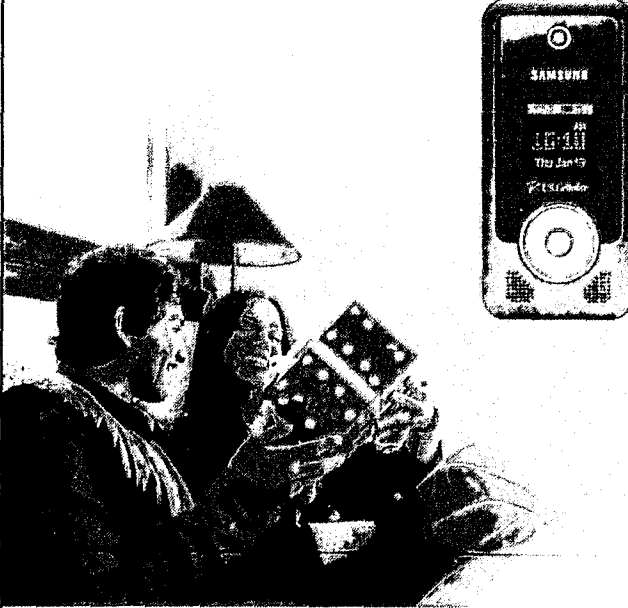
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Albany



by
Sheila Dyke

Greetings
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from Albany
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Be prepared

the forecast thus far is for more very cold weather. We've seen quite a few fuel delivery trucks — from oil to propane to wood — pass our way, and we hope that everyone out there is able to keep warm and cozy during this winter. We're doing our best to keep warm.

Best wishes for a happy and safe week. God Bless and Keep.

Waterford



by Rockie
Graham

Well looks
like we're
back on the
snow-for-
Wednesday
schedule.

They say we're in for about six inches, starting in the a.m. Guess I'll be home trying to keep the house warm. I seem to be doing better at that; or maybe I'm just more numb to the cold.

By the time you read this I'll either be on my way to Boston to Brigham and Women's, or on my way back. I decided to make it just a one-day trip. I hate leaving the house empty during the winter. Even with David Jr. next door, I worry about pipes and of course, Tasha Dog.

Thursday (tonight) at 7 p.m. Mountain Poets will meet at Fare Share Commons on Main Street in Norway. All are welcome.

Friday, the 30th, at Waterford Library at 3 p.m. local author Judy Green will read from her story "Dark." Judy is a great writer so I'd try to make that reading if I could.

Monday, Feb. 2, at the Waterford Library come to the Socrates Café meeting from 6:30-8:30 p.m. The discussion will center around the environment and what is responsible living. FMI call 583-6957 or wla@waterford.lib.me.us.

Friday, the 30th, is also Open Mic night at the First Universalist Church, 479 Main Street, Norway. Sign-up for performers starts at

6:30 p.m., and performers begin at 7 p.m. Refreshments are available. FMI call Heather at 935-4505.

I haven't quite gotten used to Vista, and can't figure how to send an attachment. I have to paste it into the e-mail. Oh well, I know my computer skills seem to get worse, not better. I know I will never be able to handle the Blackberry. Then again, I don't have the hand coordination, anyway. Looks like I'll remain a dinosaur. And you know what, I am not too upset about that.

Tasha and I have been trying to walk, again. She does better at it than I do, but I wait till the height of the day when the sun is shining. Then it doesn't seem so cold.

They are still looking for whomever stole guns and money from Pop's Place and Gene, himself. Seems like there is a lot of theft going on in Waterford and surrounding towns. Maybe we should get one of those jobs where one can steal thousands and then sell it on eBay and only have to pay a small fine. Seems like a lot of that happening these days.

That is all for today. Have a great week, beware the snow and I hope to have something good to report from Boston.

From

Oxford County Republicans

Oxford County Republicans met at the Norway Masonic Hall on Jan. 13. The evening began with a social hour followed by the pot roast dinner prepared and served by the Eastern Star.

During the business meeting, the Nominating Committee, consisting of Judy Bennett, Becky Kendall and Jarrod Crockett, proposed the following slate, which was unanimously elected by the committee: chairman, Harry Faulkner, Bethel; vice chairs, Judy Bennett, Woodstock and Neil Hanley, Hartford; secretary, Barbara Robinson, Paris; treasurer, Lynn Hamper, Oxford; Sawin Millett, Waterford, Finance chair. This group plus the three State Committee representatives, who were elected at the 2008 State Convention, Stan Howe, Bethel, Becky Kendall, Bethel and Paula Smith, Andover, will comprise the Executive Committee for the next two

years.

Becky Kendall announced that the Lincoln Day Dinner will be held on Feb. 28 at The Bethel Inn and will focus on celebrating the 200th anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's birth.

Among the elected officials present were Senator Dave Hastings of Fryeburg, Representatives Jarrod Crockett of Bethel, Jim Hamper of Oxford, and Sawin Millett of Waterford, along with Steve Merrill, County Commissioner.

From

Oxford County Democrats

The Oxford County Democrats celebrated Inauguration Weekend with parties honoring the more than 700 individuals that worked locally during the 2008 campaign and celebrating the Inauguration of President Barack Obama and Vice-President Joe Biden. The events included a Community Service component in the form of a collection of food for pantries in Mexico and Norway, and donations to Keep Oxford Warm. A total of \$100 worth of food and \$204 in cash was collected as part of the service effort requested by President Obama commemo-rating Martin Luther King Day.

The first party was a mid-day lunch on Jan. 17 at the Eagles Hall in Rumford, attended by over 60 people and featuring remarks by Commissioner of Economic and Community Development John Richardson of Brunswick, and Maine Democratic Party Vice Chair Marianne Stevens of Kingfield. Andrea Quaid delivered greetings from Congressman Michaud.

The following candidates thanked their supporters: Rep. Matt Peterson of Rumford, Rep. Sheryl Briggs of Mexico, Tim Carter of Bethel, John Patrick of Rumford, Jarrod Dumas speaking on behalf of his father Paul Dumas of Mexico. Patrick delivered greetings from Senator Bruce Bryant of Dixfield who was working in the mill.

Sheriff Wayne Gallant and Chief Deputy Dane Tripp were also in attendance as were Register of Deeds Jane Rich, County Chair Cathy Newell and Vice-chair Roy Gedat.

The second event took place on Jan. 19 at Tuscany Hall in

South Paris with over 75 in attendance and featured remarks appropriate to Martin Luther King Day by former Maine Attorney General Steve Rowe of Portland. Andrea Quaid delivered greetings from Congressman Michaud.

Candidates in attendance to thank supporters included Senator Bruce Bryant of Dixfield, Register of Probate Bruce Rood of Waterford, Rep. Terry Hayes of Buckfield, Charleen Chase of Bethel, Russ Newcomb of Norway, and Cathy Newell conveyed remarks from Paul Dumas and John Patrick. Former Representative Rosita Gagne Friel, Sheriff Wayne Gallant and Chief Deputy Dane Tripp were in attendance.

Roy Gedat called in from the Inaugural Reception in Washington hosted by Representatives Michaud and Pingree. At both events, attendees enjoyed a 50-50 raffle and received special commemorative book-marks.

A party on Inauguration Day was held in Brownfield hosted by Dawn and Larry Hall with 30 in attendance. The volunteer recognition party for Southern Oxford County occurred in November in the form of a potluck supper attended by 60 people. "Our effort in 2008 was truly astounding," County chair Newell stated. "The Oxford County Democrats will work hard to keep our volunteers connected as we move forward to 2010 and beyond."

The Oxford County Democrats held their biennial election of officers at a special meeting held in Rumford on Jan. 17 at 2:30 p.m. at the Eagles Hall. County Chair Cathy Newell of Greenwood was re-elected, Mike Broderick of Bethel was elected to the position of vice chair and Roy Gedat of Norway was elected as treasurer.

Newell announced that there would be a county committee meeting and strategic planning session in February in Bethel with details to be announced.

The Oxford County Democrats website, www.oxford-dems.org contains information on the activities of the group. Those wishing to receive the electronic newsletter may contact Newell at cathy@megalink.net.

From

Western Mountains Senior College

"MUG" Group Starts
WMSC is starting a Macintosh Users Group to help Mac users learn more about these computers and explore their full capabilities. The first meeting is scheduled for Friday, Jan. 30, at 3 p.m. at 16 Park Street, Bethel. At this introductory meeting, you'll decide how the group will work together, what kinds of programs will be helpful, and when future meetings will be scheduled. If you have a laptop Macintosh, feel free to bring it along. There is no class fee for this activity, but you must be a member of the Senior College. Membership applications will be available and, remember, WMSC now has associate memberships for those under age 50 who wish to join. FMI call Jackie Cressy at 824-0508.

Creative Writing
An enthusiastic group of creative writers will continue their "winterin class" on Friday, Jan. 30, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at the Telstar Continuing Education classroom. The class will meet every other Friday for four Fridays. The fall class actually produced a booklet of their "best" writings. Suzanne Taylor facilitates. New members are welcome to join. Just come to the Friday morning class and sign up. The fee for returning members is \$10. New members' fee is \$25.

To Your Health presents
"Strangers Among Us"

Members of Senior College will perform a play about how families deal with Alzheimer's disease on Sunday, Feb. 8, at 1:30 p.m. at the Congregational Church, Church Street, Bethel. Both poignant and thought provoking, the play introduces us to Gabrielle and Michael, two Alzheimer's victims, and several family members. As we witness the struggles of these family members in their efforts to cope and understand what is happening to their loved ones, we learn more about courage and compassion. Peg Gagnon of the Maine Alzheimer's Association leads a discussion and answers your questions after the play. The public is invited and admission is free. Refreshments are served. Donations to offset royalty fees are gratefully accepted. Call R. Tiff at 824-2053 for more information.

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Mark Your Calendars
The second annual Community Soup Swap will be held on Friday, Feb. 27, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Bethel Congregational Church. WMSC registration for spring courses will be held at this time. Watch for more details. Meanwhile, you may call one of the committee members for more information: Beth Brough at 875-2216, Marcia Foster-Austin at 824-3400 or Jean Waite at 824-2780.

Down Home Maine presents Tom White, Bronze Sculptor on Thursday, Feb. 5, at 4:30 p.m. at Tom White Studios, 162 Mayville Road, Bethel. The public is invited and admission is free. Refreshments are served. Donations accepted to offset Senior College expenses. Because of limited seating for this presentation, please call J. Cressy at 824-0508 to reserve your seat.

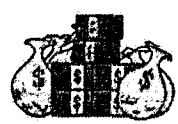
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Waterford Library

The Waterford Library is adding a DVD collection to its offerings to children and adults. Waterford residents are encouraged to help stretch the library budget by donating used DVDs to the library to share with the community. DVDs may be left in the library lobby at any time or in the library during open hours, Monday 2 to 6, Wednesday 3 to 8, Friday 10 to 12 a.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Donations of audio books are also welcome.

On Friday, Jan. 30, at 3 p.m. Waterford author Judy Green will share her most recently published mystery short story, "Dark" at the Waterford Library. "Dark" is included in the anthology "Deadfall: Crime Stories by New England Writers." The story takes the reader back to a 1950s childhood, and a child's attempts to understand the mysteries of adult behavior.

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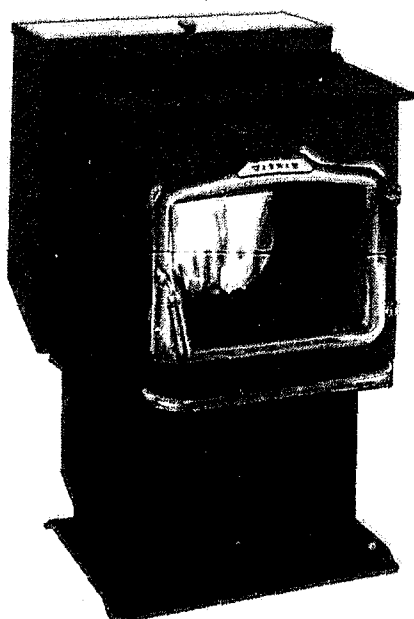


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Socrates Café gathering will be held at the Waterford Library on Feb. 2 from 6:30 till 8:30 p.m. Meetings are held on the first Monday of each month. The group offers a forum to discuss current topics and ideas in a warm, friendly atmosphere, where divergent views will be welcome. The theme for the February meeting is Regarding the Environment, What Is Responsible Living?

For more information call 583-6957 or e-mail the library at wla@waterford.lib.me.us.

From

Whitman Memorial Library

Efficiency Maine, a program of the Maine Public Utilities Commission, has been contacted and has sent us a Kill-A-Watt Energy Detector Kit. Patrons will be able to check this out, just like a book, and offers the opportunity to measure the electricity draw of any item in the home in an effort to cut down energy costs and assess how efficient the items are and which items are worth keeping connected.

It's as simple as plugging the small unit into an outlet, then plugging an appliance into the unit. Then the number of kilowatts needed to run the appliance can be measured. Instructions and materials are available which offer energy tips. Tips include reducing "phantom load," which is the power drawn by appliances when they are

switched off. Come in and get your name on the waiting list to try this out.

Our Thursday afternoon programs continue, so mark the following dates on your calendar. Please notice that the February program is on the third Thursday instead of the second. Cliff Gray, local owner of the Andrews Funeral Home, will be the guest speaker on Thursday, Feb. 19, at 2 p.m. He will provide information on pre-arrangements and on what information you need to have at the death of a loved one. There will be time for questions and answers. If you are unable to attend the afternoon program and would like us to schedule an evening program, please call the library at 665-2505 or Marta Clements at 674-2143.

On Thursday, March 12, at 2 p.m., Marty Elkin of the Morrill Farm in Sumner will present a program of living history from the 1870s. She does a one-room school program from that time period. She may even have us doing penmanship with a quill pen. She will also invite us to the farm for Maple Syrup Sunday.

On Thursday, April 9, at 2 p.m., Nancy Dewing of Greenwood will give a talk on her recent trip to India.

So make note of these dates and times and join us. There is no cost for any of our programs and they are open to all.

Several new children's books have been added to our collection using money raised at the Chinese Auction, which was held at our 100th birthday celebration this past fall.

We have six of the "Charlie Bone" series by Jenny Nimmo,



MUSH, PEOPLE—Ron Ruiz, Wyatt Costello, Peter Cowan, Jeb Clarke and Taylor Reis of Bethel take part in the "people sled race" during Gould Academy's annual winter carnival Tuesday.
(Photos: Dirk MacKnight/Gould Academy)

"Ink Heart" and "Ink Spell" by Cornelia Funke, "I Am Invited to a Party," "Knuffle Bunny," "Mo Willems," "Fancy Nancy's Favorite Fancy Word" by Jane O'Connor, "Horse Tails" by Pat Gitt, "The Tales of Beedle the Bard" by J.K. Rowling.

We also have for children: "Sea Turtles," "What's for Lunch," "Pet Tricks," "Deep, Deep Ocean," "Howl, Growl, Moo, Whoo," "Flipper Friends," "Winging It," "Good Morning Little Python," "Tap, Tap, Tap," "Gentle Giants," "Who's Listening?," "Desert Dwellers," "All About Chimps," "What do you Say?," and "Peck Peck."

Books for adults: "Cow-girl Days" by Pat Gitt, "The Christmas Sweater" by Glenn Beck, "Dashing Through the Snow" by Mary Higgins Clark, "The Christmas Shoes" by Donna Vanliere, "The Lucky Ones" by Nicholas Sparks, "Multiple Blessings" by Jon and Kate Gosse-

lin, "Dewey" by Vicki Myron, "Long Ride Home," "Shalako," "The Walking Drum," "To the Far Blue Mountains," by Louis L'amore, "Rise and Shine" by Anna Quindlen, "So Brave, Young and Handsome" by Leif Enger, "The Art of Racing in the Rain" by Garth Stein, "The Story of Edgar Sawtelle" by David Wroblewski, "Someday," "Summer," "Sunrise," and "Sunset" by Karen Kingsbury.

From

Bethel Historical Society's Regional History Center

James Dock, director of development at the Bethel Historical Society, announced this week the receipt of a \$1,000 grant from the Mt. Abram Ski Club to assist the society with the expense of producing a new exhibit on the history of

skiing in the Bethel area and to emphasize the continued significance of the ski industry in western Maine.

The exhibit, expected to open in the fall of 2009, will feature old photographs, brochures, letters, posters (some dating back to the 1920s), and antique skis. Although the majority of these items will come from the Bethel Historical Society's and Maine Ski Museum's collections, local residents and businesses will also be encouraged to loan memorabilia for display.

"We are of course delighted with Mt. Abram Ski Club's support for this exhibition," commented Dock in his announcement. "Skiing is an important subject of historical interest and we are pleased to be able to offer an opportunity for our public to learn more about its history and influence upon life here in our region," he continued. "The Mt. Abram Ski Club's gift will go a long way toward covering the cost of display materials, photographic enlargements, small exhibit cases, and other items to ensure a successful, professional exhibit," he concluded. Dock also encouraged anyone interested in supporting

the exhibit or loaning items for display to contact him at the society.

From

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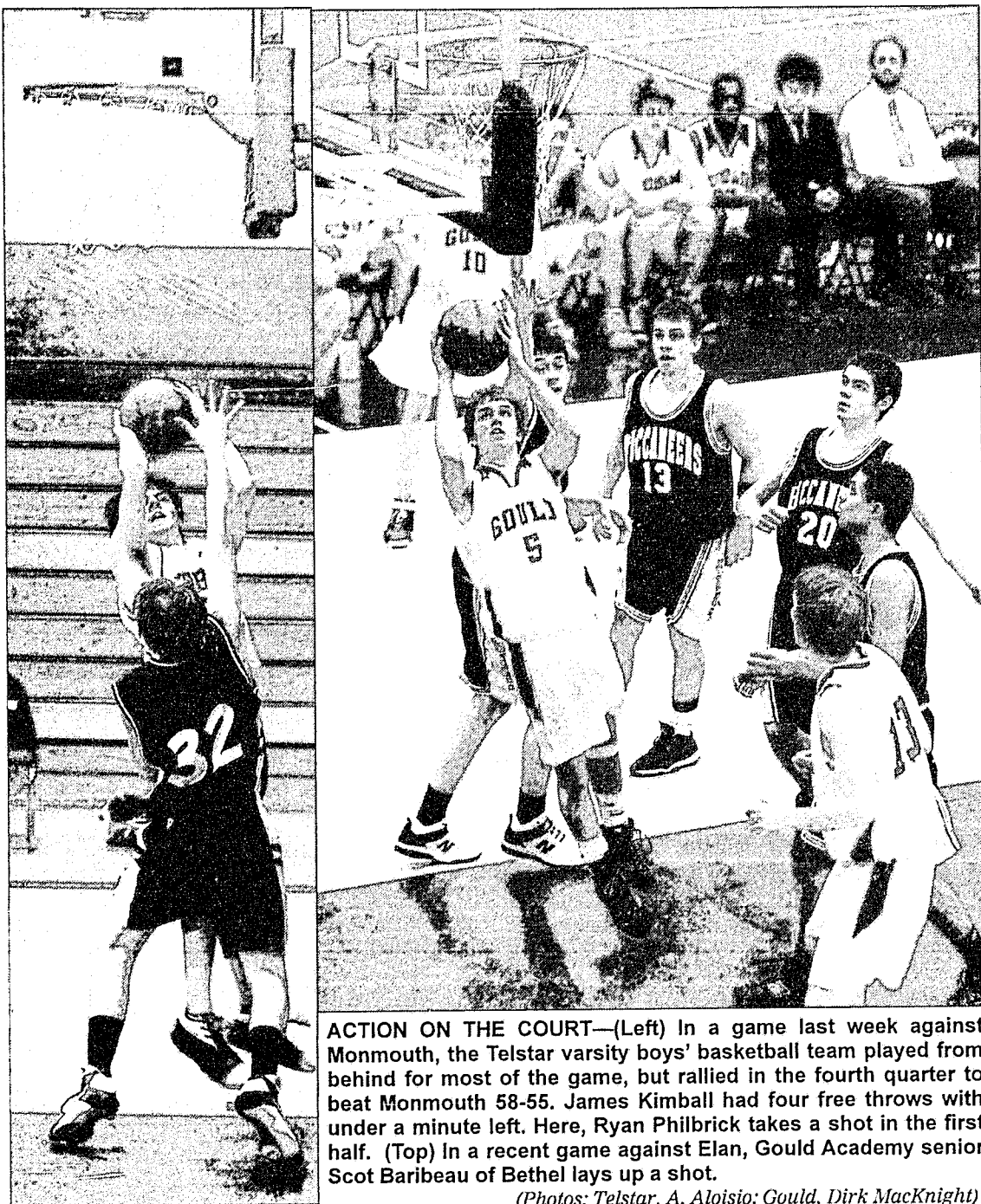
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Sports

High School Boys' Varsity Basketball

Gould 49, Valley 33; Jan. 23—Gould used its full court pressure to force visiting Valley into many turnovers and came away with a 49-33 victory. Gould outscored Valley 21-6 in the second quarter which proved to be the difference in the game. Max Wales led the Huskies with 14 points followed by Scot Baribeau with 11. Abram Bartlett added 8, with George Murphy and Phil Johnston each with 6. Gould's league record now stands at 5-6. — from Gould sports reports



ACTION ON THE COURT—(Left) In a game last week against Monmouth, the Telstar varsity boys' basketball team played from behind for most of the game, but rallied in the fourth quarter to beat Monmouth 58-55. James Kimball had four free throws with under a minute left. Here, Ryan Philbrick takes a shot in the first half. (Top) In a recent game against Elan, Gould Academy senior Scot Baribeau of Bethel lays up a shot. (Photos: Telstar, A. Aloisio; Gould, Dirk MacKnight)

Gould 74, Elan 58; Jan. 21—Gould broke its 5-game losing streak by avenging an earlier loss by defeating Elan, 74-58, handing them only their second loss of the season. Gould used a effective full court press which forced Elan into many turnovers especially in the third quarter when the Huskies outscored Elan 27-11. Gould was led by George Murphy with 23 points, Scot Baribeau 16, Abram Bartlett 12, Phil Johnston 10 and Max Wales 9. Gould improved to 4-6. — from Gould sports reports

St Dominic High 70, Gould 44; Jan. 19—Gould had a tough night against a solid St. Doms team. St. Doms used its size to handle and put pressure on Gould half court defense which proved to be too much for the Huskies to overcome. Max Wales led Gould with 16 points as the Huskies dropped to 3-6. — from Gould sports reports

High School Girls' Varsity Basketball

St Dominic High 43, Gould 36; Jan. 19—Gould had a slow start that put St. Doms ahead at the half with a 33-13 lead. As predicted, rebounding would be a deciding factor. Many missed defensive rebounds by Gould resulted in easy scoring for St. Doms. Like in many other games this season Gould picked up after halftime. In the 3rd quarter Gould outscored St.Doms 11-7 and 12-3 in the 4th. Unfortunately, St.Doms 20 point lead in the first half proved too much for the Huskies to overcome in the end. High scorers for Gould were Michelle Kravetz with 20 points and both Seana Siekman and Micheala Cummings contributing 7 points. — from Gould sports reports

High School Boys' Cross-country Skiing

5K Classical at Black Mt.; Jan. 22
Winning time: 16:12.7. Telstar racers: 7. Adam Mahar 18:09.0; 8. Lance Brown 18:18.9; 9. Ben Lewis 18:29.4; 11. John Lewis 18:44.7; 18. Patrick Galagher 20:10.4; 25. James Piccirillo 22:18.7; 26. Brian Annis 22:30.1; 32. Matthew Keane 24:24.0; 33. James Lowell 26:25.5.

High School Girls' Cross-country Skiing

5K Classical at Black Mt.; Jan. 22
Winning time: 17:43.7. Telstar racers: 10. Katylyn Keane 22:01.6; 19. Molly Keane 26:21.3; 22. Megan Bonney 27:56.2; 23. Marian Hotopp 28:08.8.

High School Boys' Alpine Skiing

Slalom at Sunday River, Jan. 22—Gavin Lee posted 2 solid runs in the challenging slalom to finish fourth overall and led the Telstar boys to a third place team finish. Also scoring for Telstar was Frankie Del Duca at 13th, Ed Barrero-Stadler at 19th, Cody Boivin at 22nd and Anthony Dirago at 25. —Coach Anne Reis

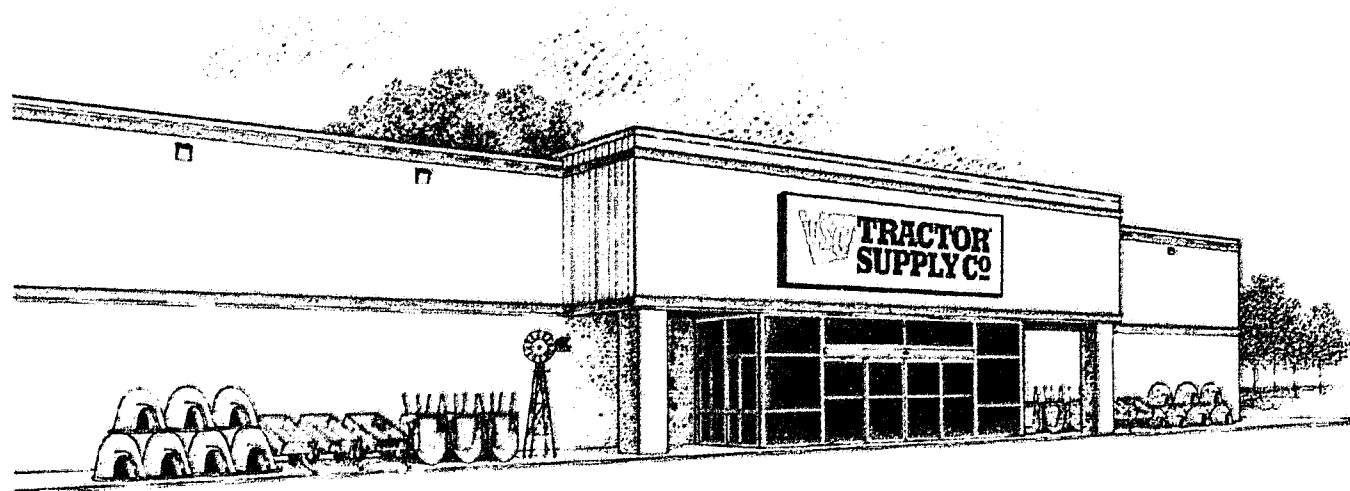
High School Girls' Alpine Skiing

Slalom at Sunday River, Jan. 22—Telstar's Samantha Largess won both runs and finished first. T.J. Cowin finished second. Senior Peggie DePasquale finished sixth and Morgan Lee 8th. —Coach Anne Reis

High School Snowboarding

USASA Snowboard Competition at Sunday River; Jan. 24.
Event: Slopestyle. Results summary: With the temps in the negative numbers, it was decided that 2 heats would be run, with the older riders in the morning heats. Robbie Moulton placed first for the Junior Men. Olivia Leatherwood was second in the breaker girls, her first slopestyle of the year. Mat Schwartz and Jacob Hall were third in their respective age groups. — from Gould sports reports

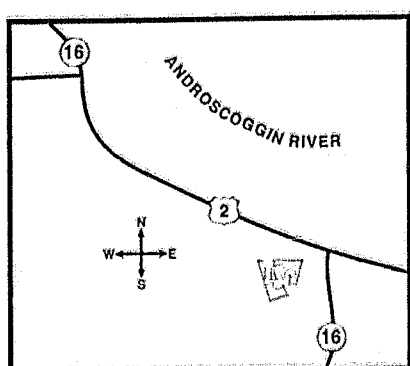
USASA Snowboard Competition at Sunday River; Jan. 25.
Event: Double Halfpipe. The standout riders for Gould were Peter Rodway, with two firsts and Olivia Leatherwood with two seconds. — from Gould sports reports



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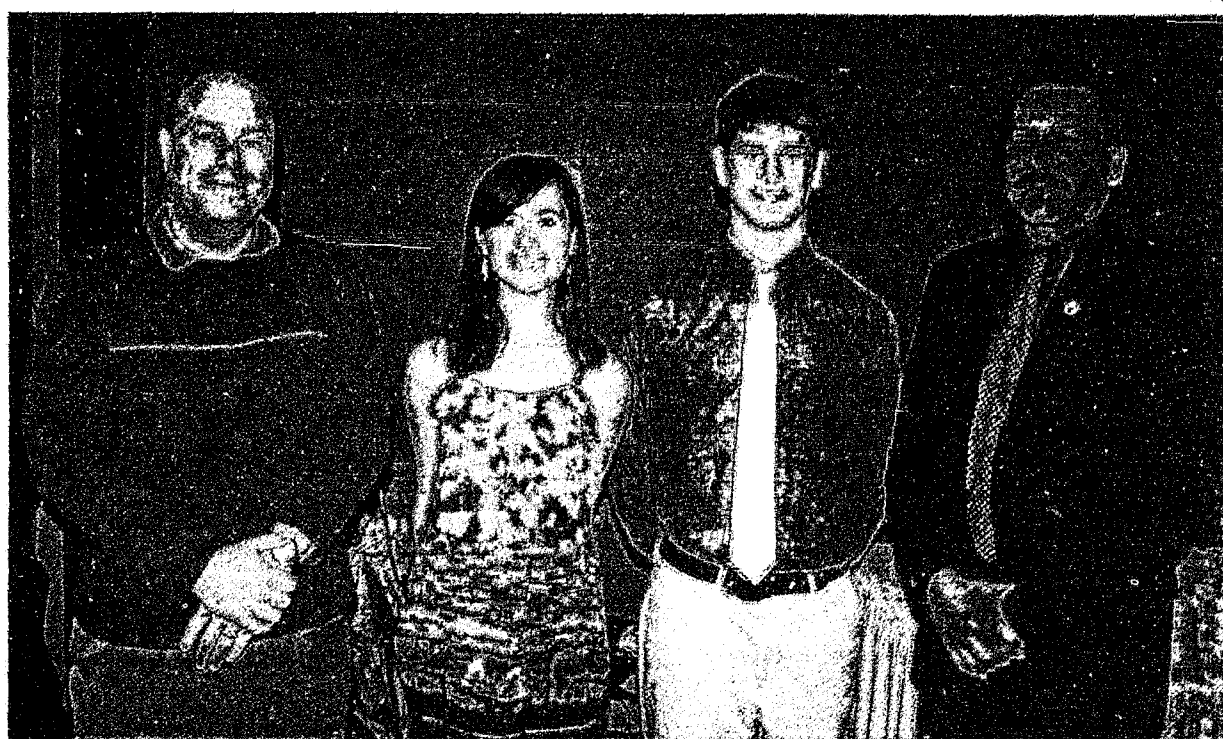
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TELSTAR HIGH SCHOOL



The Telstar Athletic Boosters recently donated the funds to purchase a portable sound system for use at Rebel sporting events. From left are boosters Linda Cozzolino, Joanie Kimball, Mark Kenney and Athletic Director Gail Wight.



Telstar High School December Students of the Month are junior Mariah Bundy of Woodstock and sophomore Timothy O'Connor of Bethel. The recognition is sponsored by the Bethel Rotary Club. Mariah and T.J. were also honored at a recent Rotary meeting. They are shown here with Rotary president Mike Steven (left) and Telstar principal Dan Hart (right). The students are chosen by staff members for their community service and academic growth and achievement.

ANDOVER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



Alex Duclos uses a voltage meter to experiment with different electrodes and an apple battery.



Cheryl Ann Thurston won the 2009 Geography Bee at Andover Elementary School. Dakota Hutchins was a very close second.

CRESCENT PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Finnian McLaughlin, Kaitlyn Colby, and Brooke Carson, students in Mrs. Salway's first grade, are delighted when the chondola lifts off during the CPS Grade One Ski Day at Sunday River.



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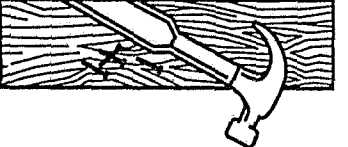
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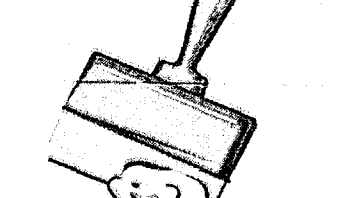
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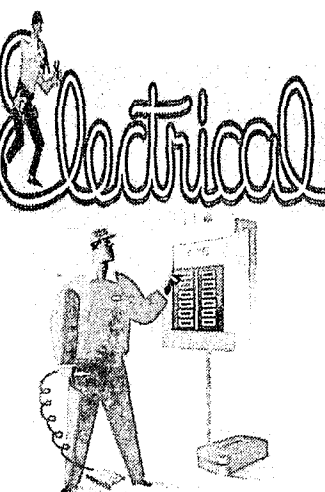


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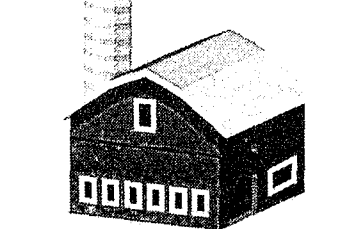
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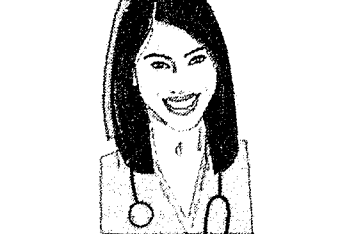
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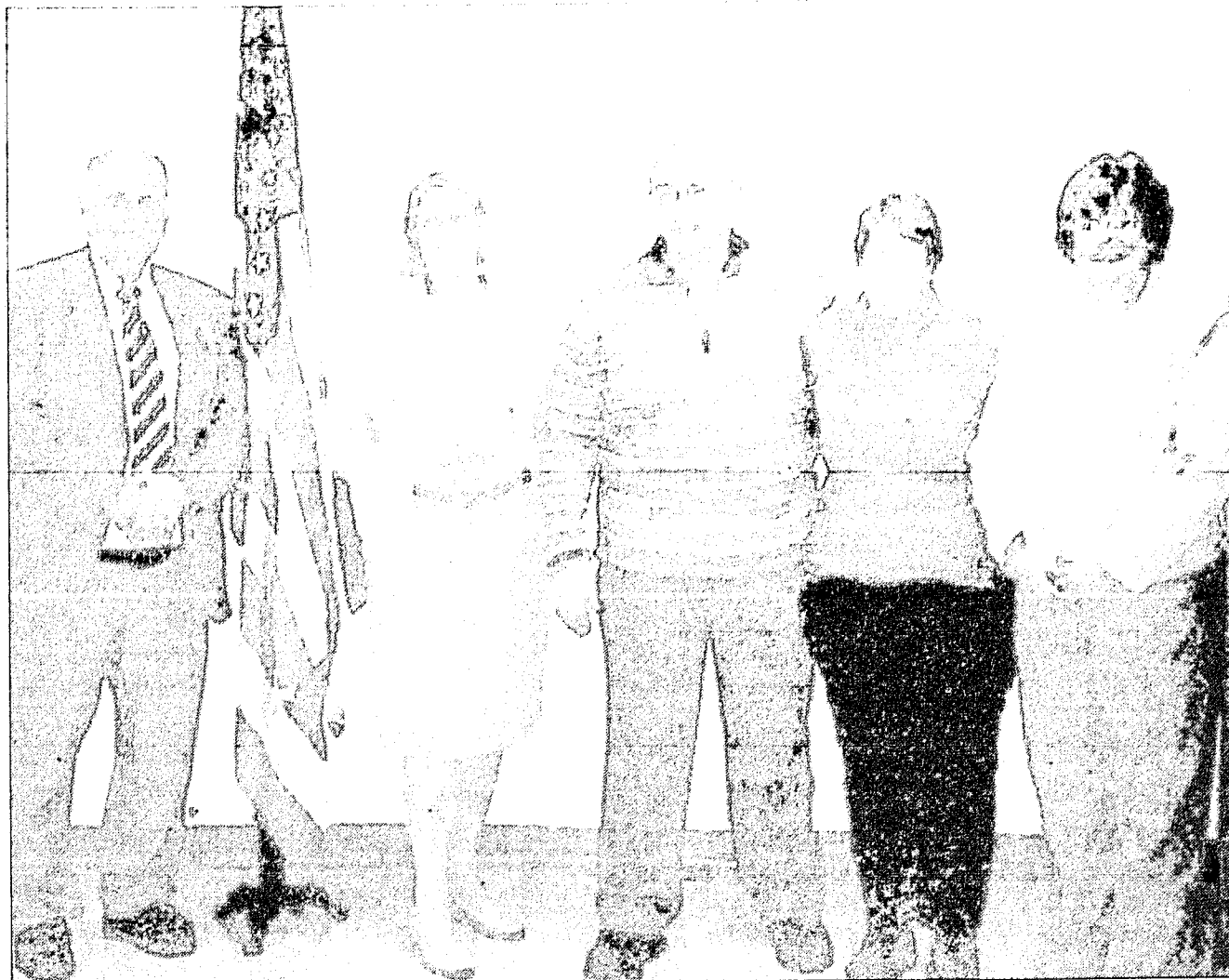
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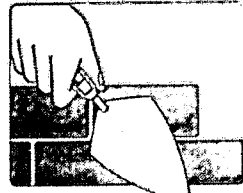
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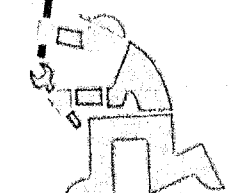
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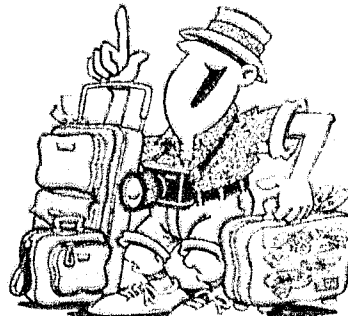
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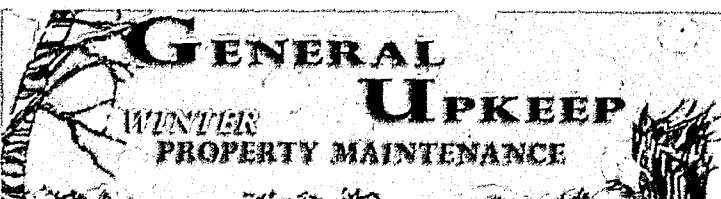
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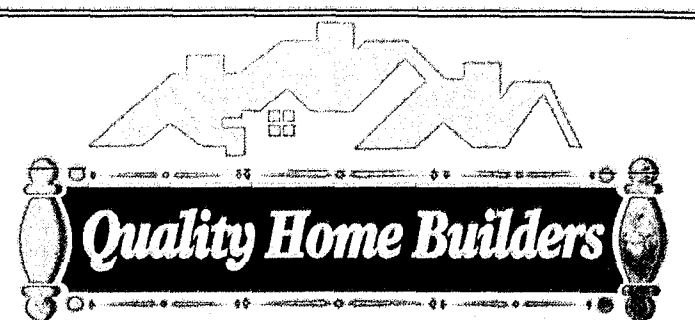


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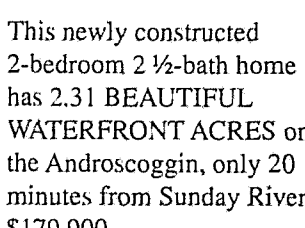
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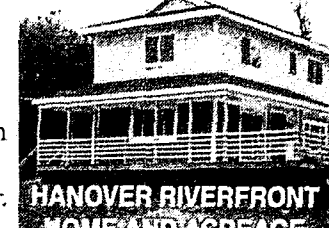


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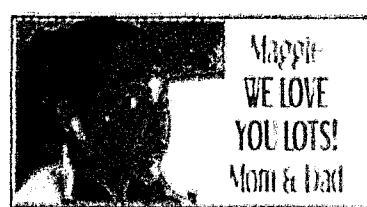
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HOMES

274 Douglass Rd, Newry: Spectacular custom-built log home in the Powder Ridge neighborhood, with panoramic views of Sunday River's slopes. Features include 2 fireplaces, master suite, hot tub, deck, finished daylight basement, and attached 3-car garage. \$879,000

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9 Vista Rd, Newry: 11-acre lot at The Peaks with panoramic views. Access to hiking and snow mobile trails near Mt. Will. Building package available. \$149,900

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Obituaries



RICHARD RICHARDS
Richard (Dick) Richards, 92, of Swannanoa, N.D., died on Sunday, Jan. 18, 2009 surrounded by loving family at his home.

Mr. Richards was born on Feb. 20, 1916 in Cortland, Ohio, where he spent his childhood years. He graduated from Oberlin College in Ohio (1938) and earned a Master's Degree at George Williams College in Chicago (1940). He was a commissioned officer in the U.S. Navy during World War II, and saw active service as an antisubmarine specialist and a communications officer in the Pacific. In 1941, he married Elizabeth Seitters, also an Oberlin graduate, and together they raised five children over the course of a 45-year marriage.

Most of Mr. Richards' career was spent in program development and administration within the YMCA, including positions in Syracuse, N.Y., Columbus, Ohio, New York City (Associate Executive Director) and Detroit (Associate General Executive). He was also an Associate Professor and the Director of YMCA studies at Springfield College,

Mass. In 1968, following the Detroit riots, he became involved with New Detroit, Inc., a consortium of Detroit area organizations dedicated to improving conditions for minorities in Detroit. He completed his professional career in administration for the Michigan Council for the Arts.

Mr. and Mrs. Richards retired to the Asheville area in 1983, where they designed and built a geodesic dome house overlooking the valley. Mrs. Richards died in 1986. Mr. Richards became a volunteer in the president's office at Warren Wilson College in Swannanoa, where he met Julia M. Holthouser, also a volunteer, whom he married in 1989. Mr. and Mrs. Richards have been members of Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church since 1989, where Mr. Richards served as an elder and chaired several committees. Mr. Richards also was a member and president of the Asheville Civitan Club, a board member for Helpmate, Inc., and a member of the Association of Retired YMCA Directors. He taught pottery classes to students in the PEP program at Roberson High School in Asheville. He was an accomplished craftsman, particularly enjoying woodworking, furniture making and pottery. He remained interested in community, national and international affairs and participated actively as a citizen. His care for and involvement with his extended family were a central part of his life.

He and his now extended family had been coming to the Bethel area for many years. He owned a small cabin on an island on Round Pond in Locke Mills.

The Bethel area was a source of pleasure and joy for him and his family.

He is survived by his wife, Julia Holthouser Richards of Swannanoa, his five children, Peter Richards of Oberlin, Ohio, Judie Overbeek of Kalspell, Mont., Scott Richards of Birmingham, Ala., Thomas Richards of Telluride, Colo., and Anne Richards Fogarty of Falmouth, Mass., and their spouses; 14 grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren; also by his four stepchildren, Dolores Holthouser of Imperatriz, Brazil, John Holthouser of Winston-Salem, William Holthouser of Cookeville, Tenn., and Robert Holthouser of Elkin, their spouses; and nine grandchildren.

A memorial service was held at the Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church on Saturday, Jan. 24.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church, the Julia and Dick Richards Scholarship at Warren Wilson College, the Mark and Gertrude Richards Scholarship at Oberlin College (Oberlin, Ohio), or the International Program of the YMCA.

JOHN ROBBINS KING
John Robbins King, 88, of Lakeland, Fla., died of multi system failure on Saturday, Dec. 13, 2008.

He was born on Feb. 9, 1920 in Bethel, Maine, where he later graduated from Gould Academy, Class of 1938. He served his country at the Dranefield Airbase in Lakeland during World War II. There he met and married Margaret Ann Davis on Nov. 17, 1951. They had four children together.

He was a 50-year member of the Masonic Lodge. He served on many city boards, worked with various youth organizations, and was a generous supporter of many charitable causes. Family was the center point of his life.

He is survived by his wife Margaret of 57 years; his children, John (Caroline) King, Michael King, Sally (John) Mateja, and Nancy King; five grandchildren; five great-

grandchildren; and his two beloved dogs, Greta and Annie.

A memorial service was held on Tuesday, Dec. 16, 2008 in the chapel of First United Methodist Church, Lakeland, Fla. In lieu of flowers, you may send donations to the Salvation Army.

FRANCIS E. BUCKMAN
Francis E. "Bucky" Buckman, 64, of Bethel, died at his Bethel home on Jan. 22, 2009 after a long illness.

He was born in Bethel on March 24, 1944 the son of the late Clifford A. and Eva (Baker) Buckman and was educated in Bethel schools.

Bucky had worked at Stowell Wood Products as a maintenance man, at Gaudreau's Repair as a mechanic and most recently at Gilbert Manufacturing from which he retired due to ill health.

Bucky had served in the National Guard and had volunteered with the Bethel Rescue for many years.

He enjoyed rock-hounding, hunting, fishing and was an overall avid outdoorsman.

He is survived by his wife of 44 years, Mary (Chase) Buckman of Bethel; two sons, Thomas Buckman and his wife Crystal and Joel Buckman and his wife Maria all of Concord, N.H.; one daughter Sarah Buckman of Center Conway, N.H.; one brother, Alan Buckman Sr. and his wife Susie of Bethel; three sisters, Barbara of Washington, Fannie Buell of Okmulgee, Okla. and Dora Bean of Alburg, Vt.; three grandchildren, Zachary, Nina and Chase all of Concord, N.H. He was predeceased by his parents; one sister, Flossie York of Bryant Pond; and one brother, Arthur Buckman of Beaulieu, N.C.

Private graveside services will be held in the spring at South Bethel Cemetery. Memorials in Bucky's name may be sent to the Bethel Rescue, c/o Cheryl Bennett, P.O. Box 1660, Bethel, ME 04217. Online condolences for the family may be left at www.andrews-greenleaf.com.

Engagements



Vono — Barton

Ms. Marianne Gallo of Mechanic Falls and Mr. Anthony Vono of Lynbrook, N.Y., are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Dawn Marie Vono of Mechanic Falls, to David James Barton of Mechanic Falls, formerly of Albany Township, son of Jeffery and Susan Barton of Albany Township.

Miss Vono is a 2004 graduate of the Mechanic Falls/Poland Adult Education program.

Mr. Barton is a 2003 graduate of Telstar Regional High School in Bethel.

The wedding will take place on Sept. 12, 2009 at 1:30 p.m. at Grace Fellowship Church in Oxford. The reception at the Silver Spur in Mechanic Falls is to follow with an escort from the Mechanic Falls Fire Department.

The Family Of Margaret Jean White

Wishes to thank those who supported us with visits, food, cards, flowers and prayers during Mom's illness and death. Especially those who donated to Calvary Bible Church in her memory. Also those who were involved with the luncheon.

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